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It's News Here!

Snowmobile Classes Wednesday, Dec. 27th

Crawford County Sheriff's Department Snowmobile Division will hold classes on Wednesday, December 27th, between 9 and 11 a.m. at the Grayling Fire Department Barn. Anyone 12 years of age or older is eligible to attend, adults are welcome.

Please contact the Crawford County Sheriff's Department at 348-6341 for more information.

Corporal Dean Goss, Snowmobile Administrator

Offer Reward in X-mas Light Theft

The Grayling Mercantile, located in downtown Grayling, is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the theft of Christmas Tree lights from in front of the store, the incident occurring this past Saturday night. Information regarding the thievery can be directed to City Police Chief, Pete Stephan.

Christmas Home Decorating Judging Set for December 21st

In order to avoid a conflict with the Grayling High School Band Christmas Concert, judging for the Downtown Merchants Christmas Contest has been moved from December 20th, as previously announced, to Thursday, December 21st. Residents who have submitted entries should be aware that an impartial panel of judges will begin to visit homes somewhere around 7 p.m.

Youth Services Needs Your Help

If you want to help out Youth Services, now's the time to do it. The Youth Services Bureau, along with the Runaway Services Dept., is moving to a new location at 308 James St. on the I-75 Business Loop.

According to Laurine Shiveley, almost all types of furniture are needed for the downtown storefront office. Anyone with the Christmas Spirit and furniture in useable condition, willing to make a donation, can call 348-7702. Items needed include chairs, couches, lamps and other miscellaneous household items.

Grayling Archery Club Plans "Wine Tasting" Party

by Joe Schrader

The Grayling Archery Club is presenting a "Wine-Tasting" get-together on Wednesday, December 27th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Club's newly remodeled building, located behind the Bear Museum at Hanson Hills Park.

The party is being planned as a part of the club's mid-season membership drive and to "show off" the new facilities. The public is invited and encouraged to participate in this local function and a modest \$1.00 admittance fee will be charged.

Pre-School Christian Story-Hour

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church would like to invite all 3 and 4 year old children and their moms or dads to our Christian Story Hour—to be held in the church fellowship hall at the corner of Spruce and Vine, January 15, 1979 at 1:00 P.M. There will be a story read to the children, songs and refreshments for everyone.

Mark the date on your calendar and plan to join in the fun and fellowship. Anyone wanting more information call 348-8305 or 348-5921.

Kiddies Xmas Party at Moose Lodge

A Children's Christmas Party will be given by the Moose Lodge 1162, located on Peninsular Street, on December 23rd from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. All children under 12 years of age are welcome. There may be wagon rides from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

College Workshop at High School

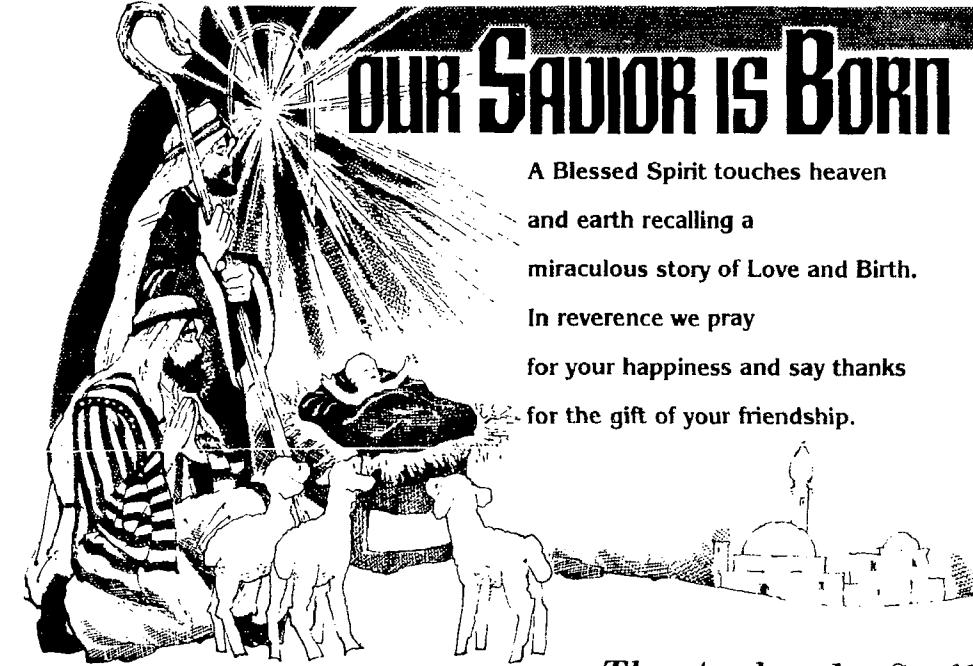
The National Honor Society at Grayling High School is sponsoring a College Workshop on Thursday, December 21st, from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. in the IMC. All college students home for the holidays are cordially invited to attend the workshop.

The purpose of this workshop will be to inform college bound juniors and seniors about their college education. We urge you to attend our workshop on Thursday morning at 9 a.m.

Kiwanians To Sell Christmas Papers Dec. 22



JOE STRIPE (right), Editor-and-Chief for the Kiwanis Club Christmas Paper set to hit the streets this Friday, December 22nd, works hard to get the paper ready while his "aide", Richard "Duke" Rasmussen, looking over the top of his spectacles on the left, prepares to help out. Proceeds from the paper are used by the club in many local projects they participate in throughout the year. Cost of the paper ... as generous as you wish to be ... they'll be available this Friday in downtown Grayling!



OUR SAVIOR IS BORN

A Blessed Spirit touches heaven
and earth recalling a
miraculous story of Love and Birth.
In reverence we pray
for your happiness and say thanks
for the gift of your friendship.

The Avalanche Staff

Colonel Ed Rutkowski Retires

Camp Grayling Commander Feted

by Joe Schrader

Some 225 Michigan and Indiana National Guard personnel, friends and relatives gathered last Friday evening, December 15th at Auman's House of Catering to honor Col. Edmund A. Rutkowski on his retiring from the Guard, after completing 35 years of military service, the last 11 years as Commander of Camp Grayling.

General officers attending the fete included Maj. Gen. John A. Johnston, the Adjutant General of Michigan; Maj. Gen. Robert Weliver, Commander of the 38th Inf. Division, headquartered in Indiana; Brig. Gen. Arthur Phillips, Assistant Adjutant General for Army, Michigan; Brig. Gen. Charles Lamoreaux, Commander of Troops Army, Michigan; Brig. Gen. Jerome Mathieu, Asst. Commander, 38th Inf. Division; Brig. Gen. Joseph Ritzenthal (retired); and Col. Ralph Phillips, Michigan U.S. Property and Fiscal Officer.

Colonel Rutkowski's 35-year military career, stretching back to November of 1943, officially ended when he retired as Camp Grayling's Post Commander, effective December 15th.

The Colonel, a Grayling resident the past 17 years and Post Commander since 1967, plans to continue to reside here following his retirement. "I plan to look for other employment opportunities in the area", he commented, "I'm not ready to retire altogether."

Born in Detroit, Rutkowski moved to Johannesburg with his family early in life and graduated from the Grayling Public Schools, then attended the University of Illinois for a year. In March of 1943, he joined the Air Force and served as an Aviation Cadet until December of 1945. [See Rutkowski on page 10]

Early Copy Needed

Due to Christmas falling on Monday next week, copy for the December 28th issue should be in the Avalanche by this Friday, December 22nd. Your cooperation will be appreciated.



County Awarded \$300,000 HUD Grant

Crawford County has been awarded a grant from HUD (Housing and Urban Development) for the amount of \$300,000.00 for the fiscal year 1978.

A county program has been set up by the Crawford County Housing Commission. Some of the grant will be used for public improvements, such as street improvements.

\$187,000.00 will be available for housing improvements anywhere in the county, not designated areas as in the previous years.

Depending on individuals or family incomes this could be a grant or a loan at 0 to 3% interest from the Craw-

ford County Housing Commission. Income guidelines are liberal. This will be available for owner occupied residences only. There are no age restrictions for these monies. The monies could be used for roofing repairs, plumbing, and/or heating repairs, adequate insulation, storm windows and doors, etc.

Inquire at the Crawford County Housing Commission Office in the Court House, Mary Kesteloot, Acting Housing Director, phone 348-5584.

Applications are available at Township Supervisors' offices or the Crawford County Housing Commission Office.

The Housing Commission Staff is available to work with any applicants on an individual basis.

Barb and Warner Cheyne, from the Jackson area, are the new owners, and took over the store's operation on December 15th. They reside at K.P. Lake and have two boys, one residing in Jackson, Mi., the other is a senior at Central Michigan University.

Sale of the business was handled by Cornell Real Estate.

John Wilson, 27, is the son of Jack and June Wilson of Grayling. He received his B.S. degree in both political science and psychology from Central Michigan University in 1974, and just completed requirements for a Masters in Public Administration from Michigan State University.

Wilson worked on Davis' [See Cong. Davis on page 2]

[Courtesy of Chuck Fick]

Dec.	Hi	Lo	Snow
12	37	19	9.0
13	38	18	9.0
14	33	11	10.0
15	38	18	10.5
16	37	17	10.5
17	30	10	11.0
18	32	6	10.5

LEROY CHRISTIAN, Middle School Band Director, leads one of his bands in this year's Annual Christmas Concert, held last week. It was the last performance for Mr. Christian, who will be retiring after 40 years of teaching and music instruction at the end of the school year. (Joe Schrader photo)

Experience CHRISTMAS IN CHURCH this Year

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Rite of Penance:

Communal Penance Services:

December 20th, 7 p.m. for families and parishioners.

December 21st, 7 p.m. for parishioners and others.

Services for Individual Penitents:

December 22nd, 4 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.

December 23rd, 10 to 11 a.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.

December 24th, 1 to 2 p.m.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

December 24th, 8:00 p.m., Vigil Mass.

December 24th, Midnight Mass.

December 25th, 8:30 a.m., Mass of the Shepherds.

December 25th, 10:30 a.m., Christmas Day Mass.

St. John Lutheran Church

December 22nd, 6 p.m., Church School Caroling.

December 24th, 6:30 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Michelson Memorial Church

December 24th, 8:30 a.m., Regular Morning Service.

December 24th, 11 a.m., Regular Morning Service.

December 24th, 9:40 a.m., Church School.

December 24th, 7:30 p.m., Candlelight Service.

Calvary Baptist Church

Regular Sunday Services.

December 31st, 9 p.m. to 12 M, New Years Eve.

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church

December 24th, 11 a.m., Children's Christmas Program.

December 24th, 7:30 p.m., Candlelight Service.

December 24th, 11 p.m., Festival Service.

December 25th, No Services.

December 31st, 11 a.m., Worship Service.

December 31st, 7:30 p.m., Communion Service.

January 1st, No Services.

St. Francis' Episcopal Church

December 20th, 6 p.m., Christmas Potluck followed by

decorating the trees in Church and Choral Evensong.

December 24th, No 8:30 Service.

December 24th, 10:30 a.m., Sung Christmas Eucharist

and Sermon.

December 25th, 11 a.m., Christmas Eucharist.

included the following:

The development of organizational charts depicting formal line/staff relationships for all operating units of the district.

Preparation or revision of job descriptions for all administrative positions in the district.

The development of policies, regulations and procedures to effectively establish [See School on page 9]

Warning

Inactive Duty Training will be conducted by units of Michigan Air National Guard during the period 20-23 and 26-29 Dec 1978.

The Air to Ground Range which is located east of Guthrie Lake and north of County Road 612, will be in use during this period.

This range will be closed during the above dates and all persons are warned to stay out of this area.



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Cong. Davis

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Senate staff as both an intern and full-time administrative assistant. He also worked on a research assistancehip at MSU's College of Urban Development from September 1977 to June 1978.

Other staff members appointed by Davis thus far include: Charles Goddye of Gaylord, district representative for the central and western lower peninsula (including Crawford County); Jerry Newhouse of Alpena, district representative for the eastern lower peninsula; Bill Huber of Petoskey, district representative for the eastern Upper Peninsula; Gerry Blanchard of Marquette, district representative for the western Upper Peninsula; Judy Allen of Marquette, district office manager; Jan Howell of Marquette, administrative assistant; Wendy Menard of Sault Ste. Marie, press secretary; Bill Mengelbier of Petoskey, legislative assistant; and Ed Vandette of Houghton, education consultant and district representative for the Copper Country.

Davis will take office in Washington on January 3.

Bits O' Talk

by Fay Bovee

On Friday night a surprise 20th birthday party was given for Michael Detz. Surprise gifts included a scrap book put together by his friends. This is "our little Michael Detz" and a tape recording. A good time was had by all!

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Galvin are the proud parents of a son born Tuesday, December 19th at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. The grandparents are Vanda McCarver and George McCarver of Grayling and Mary Galvin.

Krafty Korners is open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday on Lawndale Street across from the Senior Citizens Center.

Mrs. Vern Fox, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, was met at Tri City Airport on Monday by her nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Richard DuBois. She will spend ten days in Grayling. A son, Gary DuBois, was to arrive on December 23rd to spend a week and the family will be joined on Christmas Day by Steve and Patty DuBois of Gaylord. Dick's brother, Jack DuBois, of Detroit, will arrive on December 26th to visit.

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Food Stamp Purchase**Requirement to End**

The Michigan Dept. of Social Services announced today that beginning Jan. 1, 1979, food stamp recipients in the state will no longer be required to pay for part of the face value of the stamps they receive. Households who do not pay for their food stamps now will not be affected by this action.

This major program change, along with other changes to be announced later, was mandated by enactment of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 and was published recently as new food stamp regulations by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Other changes will be announced later when plans for implementing them are completed.

Most food stamp households now pay a part of their household income for their monthly allotment of stamps. The amount is based on household size and the amount of net income after allowable expenses are deducted from gross income.

The total value of the food stamps received always exceeds the purchase price under the present program. Excess food stamps are the bonus stamps the household received by participating in the program.

For example, a household may now pay \$50 to receive \$150 worth of food stamps each month. The extra \$100 worth of stamps is the amount of bonus stamps the household gains.

Under the new system (assuming that eligibility circumstances, such as net income and family size, remain the same) the household will simply receive \$100 worth of food stamps beginning in Jan. without having to pay any money. Should the household's circumstances change, the number of bonus stamps issued will either increase or decrease as the situation warrants.

MDSS officials emphasized the need for food stamp recipients to understand that elimination of the money payment will result in a decrease in the amount of stamps they will actually receive, as shown in the previous example. The amount of stamps to be issued beginning in Jan. may not meet all of a household's monthly food costs. Therefore, money no longer required to buy food stamps may be necessary to buy what extra food they may need.

Notices of the elimination of the food stamp purchase requirement will be mailed to all certified Food Stamp households in Michigan in December and January along with their Authorization to Participate (ATP) cards.

In addition, notices will be mailed to all Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients in December to alert persons

AARP Meet

The Crawford County Chapter #168 of the American Association of Retired Persons, held their December meeting Monday, the 18th, at the Senior Citizens Center in the form of a Christmas Party.

Angela Kirkum, the program chairperson, presented Howard Taylor and the Bell Ringers from the local school.

Each member of the group introduced themselves, then gave a beautiful program on Christmas music in England. It was an inspiration to all present to hear this group.

To complete the afternoon a movie was shown, and punch, cookies and coffee were served.

The January meeting will be Monday the 22nd at the Senior Citizen Center at 2:00 p.m.

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Publicity Chairperson

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GRAYLING, MICHIGAN — THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1978

From Our Corner ...



1978 was somewhat of a bugger for Grayling and Crawford County as the inevitable happened with the closing of Bear Archery ... Then, the somewhat shocking news that Michigan Con decided to move their office and installations to West Branch, in a somewhat excuse that they could service this portion of Michigan better in their new map drawing ...

But, the latest, in our opinion, the area will feel a similar experience with the retirement of Col Edmund Rutkowski as Camp Grayling Commander ... his contributions to the welfare of Grayling and Crawford County stands equal with those of the two companies ...

Col Ed did so many things without any fanfare to help the betterment of the Guard and County that it would take a book to tell the accomplishments ...

Col Ed, in his position, had the Guard first in mind, but, he also had his love for Grayling second, and made sure that in all his power the two worked together with very few stalemates ...

It would be surprising to know the number of Grayling students that Col Ed has helped in gaining their college education with summer jobs at the camp ... Any student applying for a job, his first question was if they planned on continuing their education, and if he received an affirmative, that person was hired ... We know first hand ... our son was one of those helped ...

Col Ed was a hard taskmaster ... but you don't come from Sergeant to Colonel by being any other way ... We remember one summer afternoon at the Officers Club, following the Ohio National Guard Review, when we sat with the Colonel and Gen Schnipke and Gen Neifert, and listened to the three talking about the next year's encampment, and the questions that were thrown at Col Ed on the availability of many things for the other states training here ... It amazed us how Col Ed fielded every question with almost an instant answer ... We left the little get-together knowing where the saying "Mr. Camp Grayling" comes from ...

We could go on and on ... we probably should have started the book we related to when we first heard the Colonel was going to become a civilian again ...

Last Friday evening we attended the Colonel's retirement dinner-party, and all one had to do was be there to see how his fellow officers, and friends felt about the accomplishments he gained while coming up through the ranks ... to retire a Colonel ...

There were many accolades given Col Ed, mostly serious, but, a few a little humorous ... but the crowning point of all was the presentation of the Department of Army "Legion of Merit" award ... That alone tells the story of Col Ed's career in the Guard ...

It has been our pleasure of knowing Ed and Shirley from way back just after World War II when we had apartments in the Welsh building ... they were just prior to Ed's Guard duty beginning ... and it seems now it was fun starving together, but not then ...

We join "Rutkowski's Raiders" with a salute ... tip of our hat ... and many wishes for a fruitful retirement ...

We should have started a book ... Good Luck ... "Mr. Camp Grayling" ...

t t t

Why is someone always has to come along and spoil the endeavors of persons creating an atmosphere of a jolly Christmas time and rip off decorations that help beautify the city? ... This happened over the weekend when decorations were stolen from in front of the Grayling Mercantile. It's too bad the culprits can't be apprehended and let them spend Christmas in the County jail ... then throw the key away ...

t t t

Things have to be getting real bad ... the Leprechaun just came in mad as h--- and told us he was just ripped off ... battery, that is, out of the old scout ... trouble is he said it was the best part of the relic ...

t t t

We received a note in a Christmas Card from Howard and Norine Cogan who reside in Georgia ... Norine stated she had been watching our corner to see if Dane, Cyd and Amber might be coming home for Christmas ... Sorry to answer no ... but are expecting T.J., Stef and folks for a couple of days over the long weekend ...

To all our readers ... a very Merry Christmas is our wish from the corner ...

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP NOTICE

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1979, TO MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1979 AT 7 P.M. AT THE LOVELLS TOWNSHIP HALL.

HELEN M. SPENCER, CLERK

Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

23 Years Ago
December 22, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Vincent of Bradenton, Fla., wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Marlene of Grayling to Mr. Donald E. Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alba Richardson of Roscommon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Borchers and children had dinner with the H. B. Smiths on Sunday in Bay City. They also visited the Joe Meaghers.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Williams gave a birthday dinner Sunday December 11th for their daughter Debbie, who was 4 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Straus and son Kim of Evart, Burton's sister, were guests for the occasion.

Miss Shirley Meeker entertained Miss Mary Ann Crouch and her fiance, George Tanner of Brighton last weekend. Miss Shirley Meeker entertained Miss Mary Ann Crouch and her fiance, George Tanner of Brighton last weekend.

Miss Burnis Meech and Mrs. Martelle Lietz were in Lansing Saturday until Monday a week ago. They visited the James Case family, whom they had not seen for many years, on Sunday.

Dr. B.E. Henig and daughters Jeannette, Gretchen and Candace went to Detroit Thursday to see Santa Claus. While there they visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Henig. They returned home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted McEvans and Mrs. Bob Niederer spent Thursday in Traverse City on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry McNamara spent weekend before last in Bay City, visiting the Elmer Veitengruber.

Leo Lovely drove to Midland today to meet his daughter Julie, who will be home for the Christmas holidays from Nazareth Academy at Nazareth.

Miss Lauri Olson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Olson, was 9 years old Sunday. Her mother invited in 12 guests to help Lauri celebrate the occasion. The house was decorated for Christmas, with a lighted tree. Lauri's birthday cake was red and white. She received many lovely presents.

Mrs. Frank May, Mrs. Whitey Madsen, Mrs. Clarence Roberts and Mrs. Eugene Papendick were in Traverse City Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William LaGrow and daughter, Sue, spent Thursday in Petoskey.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Smith entertained her sister, Miss Arlene Bonifas of Escanaba and cousin, Miss Carl Green of Manistique Monday until Wednesday of last week. Miss Green was on her way to Rochester to exchange her seeing eye dog for one with a better disposition.

The Harold Johnsons spent Saturday shopping in Mt. Pleasant and visited the Jimmie Stokes family. Barbara returned home with them to spend her two weeks vacation from Mt. Pleasant college.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Madsen were in Fletcher Sunday a week ago to visit their brother, the Tom Wakeleys.

Mrs. B. E. Henig and Mrs. Bill Joseph spent Friday in Traverse City.

Mrs. Harry McEvans and Mrs. Floyd Taylor spent Thursday in Traverse City.

Mrs. Lorne Dougals left Wednesday for a few days in Bay City. She will be joined there by Mr. Dougals and they will continue on to Memphis, to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Charles Dougals, and sister, Mrs. and Mrs. A. J. Pearsall.

46 Years Ago
December 22, 1932

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cattin of Toledo, Ohio, will spend Christmas here with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ziebell.

Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Keyport and Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert spent the latter part of last week in Detroit, where the Doctors attended a medical meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Martin were hosts to a few friends at their home last Saturday night to celebrate their 13th wedding anniversary.

Michigan's deer hunters returned home November 30th with something of a record according to the Dept. of Conservation. Fewer hunters shot more bucks and

The Bible Speaks

From Calvary Baptist Church

Is Christ In Your Christmas?

The late Dr. M. R. DeHaan once wrote a booklet entitled, "Missing at the Party." In this booklet, Dr. DeHaan went on to describe a large and elaborate birthday party underway with the central guest of the party absent. The person in whose honor the birthday party was called. Now we wouldn't think of doing such a terrible thing to one of our best friends. Good manners would cause most of us to avoid such even toward almost anyone. But why do people so often do this to Jesus Christ?

Mr. and Mrs. John Libcke, Miss Agnes Hanson and Howard McKenzie of Detroit will be the guests of the ladies parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hanson and family over Christmas.

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Mrs. B. E. Henig and Mrs. Bill Joseph spent Friday in Traverse City.

Mrs. Harry McEvans and Mrs. Floyd Taylor spent Thursday in Traverse City.

Mrs. Lorne Dougals left Wednesday for a few days in Bay City. She will be joined there by Mr. Dougals and they will continue on to Memphis, to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Charles Dougals, and sister, Mrs. and Mrs. A. J. Pearsall.

46 Years Ago
December 22, 1932

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cattin of Toledo, Ohio, will spend Christmas here with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ziebell.

Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Keyport and Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert spent the latter part of last week in Detroit, where the Doctors attended a medical meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Martin were hosts to a few friends at their home last Saturday night to celebrate their 13th wedding anniversary.

Michigan's deer hunters returned home November 30th with something of a record according to the Dept. of Conservation. Fewer hunters shot more bucks and

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Thursday, December 21, 1978

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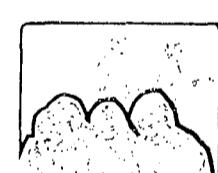
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HERE IT IS—A nice large home, (they don't build them this good anymore), on the lake with 120' of the best beach and frontage possible. This is a 2-story home with 5 bedrooms, basement, fireplace, natural gas heat, garage, with western exposure and lots of big trees on the land. Price, \$79,000.00, with terms available. Shown by appointment only. (T122)

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FOR SALE—30 inch Sunray electric range, with matching hood. \$125.00. 348-2080. 12/14th

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
[1] 1972 Toyota Land Cruiser

May be seen at 305 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI. 49738.

Written bids will be accepted until December 28, 1978. We reserve the right to decline all bids. 21-28

SALE ITEMS — Ben Franklin stove with magic heat, screen and pipe; also Franklin barbecue grill (new); tires - 650 x 16 (new), 800 x 15 (good used); electric dryer; round formica top table; misc. items. Call 348-7790. 12/7th

FOR SALE—Barn 8' x 12' with loft. Call 348-8151. 10/12th

HOUSE FOR SALE—Total 2950 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 fireplaces, 2 car garage. 36' x 14' family room, 2 1/2 acres - lot size 300 x 280 ft. Call 348-8151. 10/12th

FOR SALE—1966 Ford 3/4 ton pickup. 55,000 miles. 6 cylinder stick. Call 348-5257. 21-28

WE HAVE five beautiful six week old mixed puppies, who would like to share your Christmas joy with you. You may call 348-8381 to receive your puppy. 21-21

FOR SALE—14 cu. ft. refrigerator, excellent condition and 300 lb. capacity upright freezer. \$225 each or \$400 for both. 3 pair skis; 2 pair bindings; 2 pair boots. Call 348-2347. 21-21

BINGO
Grayling Moose Lodge 1162,
305 Peninsular, Grayling, MI.
Every Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Proceeds to Building Fund. 21-28

FOR RENT—1 bedroom furnished apartment, all utilities, \$185.00 a month, security deposit and references required. Available about December 15. Contact Marshall's Hospitality House Motel. 12/7th

FOR SALE—Realistic 8 track AM-FM receiver; Head skins, 190's; Epiphone five string banjo. 348-5363. 12/7th

I WILL NOT BE responsible for any debts other than my own as of 12-11-78. Richard Norman Adams. 14/21

Snowplowing

COMMERCIAL RESIDENTIAL

Grayling 348-9467

7-14-21-28

FOR RENT—2 bedroom home with fireplace, located half way between Grayling and Kalkaska, on M-72, security deposit required. \$200 plus utilities. Call 616/331-4723. 14-21

FOR SALE—Rough sawn lumber, all sizes, good for building houses, barns, fences, etc. High quality, reasonable prices. Stampfli Sawmill - Grayling, 348-9236, Or Wet's Long Pine Inn, 348-7312. Call between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. 7-20th

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FOR RENT—Furnished upstairs apartment, no children, no pets. \$175.00 per month includes utilities. 348-9626 after 6 p.m. 12/21th

FOR RENT—Furnished upstairs apartment, no children, no pets. Single occupancy. \$155 per month includes utilities. 348-9626 after 6 p.m. 12/21th

SONY AC-DC TV with adapter for cigarette lighter. Bought for van or camper. Used 5 times. 348-5116. 21-21

KRAFTY KORNERS 9:30 to 4:30, Monday through Friday, Lawndale Street across from Senior Citizens Center. Operated by the Senior Citizens. [Ad Courtesy of Chuck Flick]. 21-28

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FOR SALE—1977 Datsun King Cab. 4 speed must sell. Call after 5 p.m. 348-5008. 10/26th

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EVERY TUESDAY EVENING
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WANTED, MATURE WOMAN to stay with five children for 4 days the end of January. Request references. Call 348-8524. 12/14f

FOR RENT OR LEASE—2 bedroom home with attached 2 car garage. Bear Lake area on main road. Responsible adults only - request references and deposit required. Call (616) 258-5934. 14-21-28

FOR RENT—Small efficiency apartment. Single person only. Utilities furnished. 8 miles east on M-72. Phone 348-6405 12/14f

FOR SALE—14" & 15" snow tires, F78, H78 & L78. Call 348-5681. 14-21-28

LAND CONTRACT—We buy. Call for quotes. Ford S. LaNoble - LaNoble Realty Company, 1516 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48912. Phone 517/482-1637. Evenings 517/337-1276. 11/14f

WANTED—Scrap copper, brass, radiators, batteries. C. Dixson, 348-9252. 11 1/2-24f

FOR SALE—1977 Ford F150 4x4 351, 2 barrel headers, 21,000 miles. Asking \$5,200 - Call 348-5976. 30-7-14-21

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FOR RENT—1 bedroom apartments. Reasonable rates, references. Call after 6:00, 348-5821. 3/20f

WILL DO washing and ironing for business people. Also, I will do mending. 348-5020. 21-28-4-11

FOR SALE AKC Registered dry mouth Saint Bernard. 1 year old. \$100.00 or best offer. Call 348-8629 after 5 p.m. 21-

FOR SALE—1973 Fury III - one owner. P/B, P/S, air. Best offer. South End Total or phone 348-7168. 21-

APARTMENT FOR RENT— Small 2 bedroom, furnished, utilities paid, no deposit required. Children welcome. Lake Mauretine. Phone 348-9672. 21-

FOR SALE—140 ft. lot on Main Stream. Will build to suit on this lot. \$8500.00. Call after 6 p.m. 348-3841. 9/14f

The First Hundred Years — Grayling's Centennial book, has had another printing due to the numerous requests received for same. Copies are available for \$6.00 from the Avalanche Office Cornell Realty, The Nickelodeon, or Ruchette's Party Store. For mail orders, add .50c for postage and handling. 9/14f

FOR SALE OR TRADE—1973 Evinrude snowmobile, new engine, for a snowblower of equal value, will consider some difference, or will sell for \$350.00. May be seen at Bob Stephan's on Wakeley Bridge Rd. 3rd house on West with a white fence off M-72. If interested call 313/743-3150. 7-14-21-28

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Every Wednesday Night
At Sr. Citizen's Center
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FOR SALE—Tiny Chihuahua puppies, male and female. AKC registered. Call anytime. 348-2135. 21-

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14-21

FOR SALE—1967 GJ5 steel top, excellent condition, 25,000 miles. \$2,700. And, 1972 Buick Skylark, 44,000 miles, \$1,300. Call 348-5451 or 348-8659, ask for Richard. Ir12/28

FOR SALE—1975 Dodge Monaco, P/S, P/B, R.W.D., AM/FM, new radials, new shocks. \$2,500.00. 275-8642 or 348-7340. 21-

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WANTED—Pine saw logs or pulp logs, 10" in diameter or over. Poplar also. Weber Bros. Sawmill Inc., 1 mile North of Beal City, MI 49764-2206. 3/23f

PIANO SERVICE, Leave orders for piano tuning at Avalanche office or call or write Atkins Pianos, 620 S. E. 4th St., Clare, MI 48617. Phone 366-9979. 5/25f

Direct Line ... by Senator Robert W. Davis

Refunds of Increased License Plate Fees Approved

If you've been waiting to purchase your 1979 license plates until you see if the petition drive to stop the increased license plate fees is successful, you can go ahead and buy your plates and avoid the long lines next spring.

Under legislation which recently won final approval, the Secretary of State has been authorized to provide refunds of increases in fees for 1979 license plates, pending certification of the petitions currently being circulated to stop the increases.

Passage of this bill (Senate Bill 1737) means you will get back the increased fees you pay for license plates, if you purchase them before the outcome of this petition drive is determined, thus eliminating the need to wait until the petitions are filed.

My colleagues and I were prompted to pass this measure to encourage people to purchase their plates early. Recent reports from the Secretary of State indicate that license plate sales are some 20 percent below average for this time of year. We are hopeful that the refund bill will result in more people buying their plates now and shorter lines at Secretary of State offices next March.

WANTED, PARTY STORE—if you want to sell your party store or other business, for confidential interview, call Lance Stamper, LaNoble Realty Business Brokers, 1516 E. Michigan, Lansing, MI 48912. (517) 482-1637 Home, (517) 499-5027. 21-

FOR RENT—Light housekeeping apartment. \$150.00 a month, utilities included. Is halfway between Grayling and Kalkaska on 72. Call 1-515-331-4723. 21-28

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FOR RENT—Small cabin at Wakeley Bridge. security deposit required. no pets. Call 348-9050. 21-28

Cherries Spruce Holiday Meals

If you're looking for something to spruce up holiday meals, try adding garnishes of maraschino cherries to your favorite recipes.

Good things are growing in Michigan and about 75% of the 31,500 tons of sweet cherries harvested in Michigan this year are being processed into festive red and green cherries. Our state ranks second in the nation for maraschino production, according to the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Maraschinos are excellent as fruit toppers for breakfast cereals and waffles. Or blend chopped maraschinos into hot vegetables such as green beans, carrots and yams to give added zest and color.

Decorate bread and biscuit recipes by folding diced cherries into the dough. You might try making attractive desserts like cherry jewel cake or All-Michigan pie. To make the pie, add sliced red maraschinos to apple filling made from canned Michigan apple slices. Fill pie shell, top with streusel mixture and bake.

There is also a bonus in every jar of cherries - the syrup sweetens beverages and makes a great sauce for basting meats.

The almond flavor, the crunchy texture and eye-catching color are not an American creation. A liqueur developed in northern Italy more than 300 years ago, became known as maraschino. While preserving a type of cherry, some of the liqueur was added and resulted in these delicately flavored morsels. The French then experimented and developed a refinery process. In the 1890's maraschino cherries were introduced to America.

Processing includes soaking sweet cherries in a solution to remove the color, grading for size, pitting, and putting into a syrup mixture to which red or green coloring is added. After color is absorbed, they're bottled and pasteurized.

Thanks to All

Thank you to all the parents who were in attendance at the Christmas program at the high school, Tuesday evening, December 12th. It is important to the children to know you're there. Thank you and Happy Holidays.

Please call with your Christmas news anytime during the holidays, Fay, 348-7017.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The Crawford County Housing Commission is releasing bid specifications on 6 home rehabilitation projects.

Bid specifications include, but are not limited to, siding, roofing, plumbing, electrical and other various interior and exterior repairs or replacements.

Any insured, licensed contractor is welcome to obtain specifications from the Crawford County Housing Commission, County Building, Grayling, MI, or by calling 348-5584. Project bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on January 2, 1979 by the Housing Commission.

MARY KESTELOOT, Acting Director
Crawford County Housing Commission

Bits O' Talk

by Fay Bovee

Cutting their home heating costs as well.

Under a bill (House Bill 6493) which won approval during the final week of the year-end legislative session, approximately \$8 million in state funds will be combined with \$4.3 million in federal monies to continue home weatherization program due to expire shortly in Michigan.

The funds will be used to assist low-income families to weatherize their homes by such methods as attic insulation, caulking, installation of storm windows and weather-stripping of doors and windows.

It is estimated by the State Energy Administration that some 24,000 homes, serving more than 60,000 low-income persons living in all 83 Michigan counties, will be weatherized under this program during the next fiscal year.

Families earning less than 125 percent of the "low-income budget," as defined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, will qualify for the program. The maximum income level varies according to the number of persons in a family.

My colleagues and I supported this measure because we believe it will help low-income families to minimize the cost of heating their homes. We are also hopeful that it will result in a reduction in state fuel consumption in the long run.

Under a separate utility tax relief program enacted earlier this year, low-income families will also be able to claim tax credits for their utility costs on their state income tax forms. Those credits will also be granted on the basis of household income and family size.

Road Commission Minutes

December 8, 1978

A regular meeting of the Crawford County Road Commission held in their office in Grayling. Chairman Millikin presiding. Present were Chairman LeRoy Millikin, Commissioners Ervin E. Richter and Grover Cason, Manager Charles Fox, and Secretary Lorna Bernard. Absent, Ron Herne, Engineer.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read. Grover Cason made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Ervin Richter. All voted in favor, motion carried.

At this time the bids were opened and read for trucks and signs:

TRUCKS

Bay Truck Sales	\$4,881.13	Scheer Motors	\$4,760.70
L.J. Ormsbee	5,072.86	DiPonio Ford	4,939.00
Terry Misener Ford	4,922.84	Masse Ford	5,054.85
K.M. Petersen	5,133.63		

Shop Truck

Bay Truck Sales	5,839.26	Scheer Motors	5,590.60
L.J. Ormsbee	6,431.72	DiPonio Ford	5,884.00
Terry Misener	6,077.98	Masse Ford	6,073.74
K.M. Petersen	6,070.14		

2 Single Axle Dump

Bay Truck Sales	53,503.24	DiPonio Ford	59,432.40
Terry Misener	53,718.02	K.M. Petersen	54,688.30
Zemba	55,095.00		

Total Bids on All 4 Trucks Combined

Bay Truck Sales	63,995.00	DiPonio Ford	70,255.40
Terry Misener	64,718.02	K.M. Petersen	65,900.70

SIGNS AND POSTS

Bemis and Sons	4,800.00	U.S. Standard	4,780.00
Paul Mack	5,408.00	Paul Callendar	5,432.00
Gregware	7,560.00	Sparton	6,876.00
Beach Manufacturing	No Bid		

Posts

Bemis and Sons	3,190.50	U.S. Standard	2,427.50
Paul Mack	3,061.50	Paul Callendar	2,920.00
Gregware	3,695.00	Sparton	3,227.00
Beach	2,686.00		

Signs and Posts - Total Bid

Bemis and Sons	7,990.00	U.S. Standard	7,207.50
Paul Mack	8,494.50	Paul Callendar	8,352.00
Gregware	11,255.		

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As of Saturday,
December 2nd

WHAT IS SAVE-SHARE?

Find out how Glen's Save-Share program really works ... see Vern Cavitch at the Grayling store.

Save-Share is exactly what it says ... you save while shopping at Glen's Market and we share a percentage of all authorized purchases with eligible charitable and non-profit organizations. Authorized purchases include everything but tobacco products, beer, wine and liquor.



Vern Cavitch (right), Glen's Mkt. Store Mgr., is shown presenting a Save-Share check for \$103.59 to Mr. Wetzig, Representing Beaver Creek Union Sunday School, one of only many number of organizations taking advantage of the "Save-Share" Program.

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Sincerely,
Chet Johnston, Mgr.
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I'm 80 years old, my son or daughter has a very nice station wagon but it's too hard for me to get into so I take C.C.P.T. it's easy to get on and off and it only cost me pennies to ride.

My husband/wife had a stroke, how can I get him/her to the hospital for therapy and doctors

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BLOOD PRESSURE TAKEN — The children in Miss Loft's first grade were given a health presentation on Tuesday, December 12th by Mrs. Sloan, our school nurse. She showed us a filmstrip on taking care of our teeth. She also showed us how blood pressure is taken. Then she checked our teeth and took our blood pressure. (That's Cory in the picture.) We were all normal.

Moose Lodge 1162 News

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ELEMENTARY LABEL CONTEST — The Grayling Elementary School is having a label contest of Campbell products, Franco-American products and V-8 Juice. The goal we have set is 23,850. With the labels we will be able to get screens, record player and headsets. This week we counted 9,825. The class that gets the most labels will get a pizza party. The class that has the most is Miss Wargo's class. They have 950. The contest started December 4, 1978 and extends to February 23, 1979. Would you please give labels to Grayling Elementary School students. Look for label boxes in town. Boxes are located at Goodale's Bakery, Mac's Rexall Drug Store and Carousel of Children's Fashions.

Written by Cari Longworth and Scott VanDeVen

Community Services

The Doll Contest is to be judged December 21st at 2:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

We are still desperately in need of knitted items for the needy.

Billie Ritter

Cleaning Utensils

When cleaning "nonstick" appliance finishes, always allow the appliance to cool before washing. Wash it thoroughly each time it is used to avoid a buildup of cooking residue -- the residue will eventually effect the nonstick quality. Be sure to rinse thoroughly and dry -- after using hot, sudsy water for washing.

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by Herluf Moshier

Meteorologist say the weather for the next 20 years will be roughly the same as it has been for the past 30 years. It's tomorrow they're not sure about.

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Can you imagine anyone as unhappy as a teenager with a live secret and a dead telephone?

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One Solitary Life ...

Richard Millman

AUTHOR'S NOTE The following column has appeared in this space during the Christmas season several times during recent years.

Here is a young man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another small village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was 30, and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to a college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place where He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself.

While He was still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth, and that was His coat.

When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race, and the leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched ... and all the navies that ever sailed ... and all the parliaments that ever sat ... and all the kings that ever reigned, put together ... have not affected the life of man upon this earth, as has that one solitary life.

Of course, I didn't write that article; I only repeat it from the original and unknown (to me) author. But it seems to me that in a relatively few lines, the story of "One Solitary Life" helps us to

add perspective to our activities, especially as we enjoy the holiday season each year.

What we each seek is happiness, each in his own form, and happiness comes in many guises. As long as I'm quoting, let me endorse the formula for happiness set down by Ralph Waldo Emerson:

"A Happy Life is to laugh often and to love much ... to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children ... to earn the approbation of honest critics and to endure the betrayal of friends ... to appreciate beauty ... to find the best in everything ... to give one's self ... to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition ... to have played and laughed with enthusiasm, and to have sung with exaltation ... to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived ..."

Yes, we need a credo, a purpose, a plan to our living. We need principles, truth, faith. We need prayer.

One of the most beautiful and touching prayers is the familiar Prayer of St. Francis:

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace ... where there is hatred, let me sow love ... where there is injury, pardon ... where there is doubt, faith ... where there is despair, hope ... where there is darkness, light ... and where there is sadness, joy."

"Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console ... to be understood, as to understand ... to be loved, as to love ... for it is in giving that we receive ... it is in pardoning that we are pardoned ... and in dying that we are born to eternal life."

Truly, words to live by.

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Vike Cagers Lose 2 on the Road

by Joe Schrader

Reeling from two losses last week to MHS-conference foes, Grayling High Head Coach Fred Wolcott continues to be optimistic his team will have a successful cage season. On the road two nights last week, the Vikes lost to Charlevoix on Tuesday, 90-67, then traveled to the U.P. to meet the Saints of St. Ignace and got beat in a rather low-scoring contest, 63-45.

Under Coach Warren "Butch" Hayes, the JV squad fared somewhat better, beating Charlevoix in a preliminary contest, 63-60 but dropping a squeaker to St. Ignace, 55-53.

Commenting after Tuesday's loss to the Red Raiders, Coach Wolcott said that "it was our inability to break their press that hurt us. We had 39 turnovers during the game and they outrebounded us handily. We just gave them too many second shots."

The Vikes fell behind 53-30 by halftime and were simply unable to overcome the 23 point deficit in the second half. Todd Dunckley led the Vikes in scoring with 17 points and Ken Heisel hit double digits with 15. Mike Chrisman and Mike Walsh topped the Vikes in rebounding with 7 apiece. Schmidt led Charlevoix with 28 points.

Geoff Stancil represented the only scoring threat for Grayling in its loss to St. Ignace when he hit for 30 points. "We just failed to hit important shots," commented Wolcott, "we only shot 31% from the floor throughout the entire game." Kurt Wyers led the Saints in scoring with 21 points.

The Vikes will entertain the Hurons from Rogers City in another conference clash this Thursday night, before taking their annual Christmas vacation break.

Billy Roach and Scott Hale with 16 points apiece, led the Junior Vikes to victory to salvage a split with Charlevoix. "Our kids played a good defensive game," Coach Hayes commented, after the win. Mike Bendig hit double figures with 12 points, Scott Hamlin had 9, John Juntila 6, Kevin LaMotte and Jay Schrader, 2 apiece.

Following his team's defeat in St. Ignace, Hayes could only say that his team "lost the game from the free throw line." Bendig swished the nets for 16 points. Roach added 14, Hale hit for 11, Juntila had 6, Hamlin 4 and Scott Dunckley chipped in with two points.

In Freshmen action, Coach Bob Hannan's squad increased its record to 2-0 with a 53-40 victory over Charlevoix last Monday night here at home. "We're improving all the time," commented the coach after the game, and our press was extremely effective." Terry Norman topped the offensive attack with 20 points and Tracey Fagan, a newcomer to Grayling's cage scene, chipped in with 13 points. Jim Harland also added 10 in the team's win. The team begins its Christmas breather before entertaining Petoskey on January 4th.

Middle School
Christmas Choirs
Very Active

The Grayling High and Middle School Choirs began their Christmas activities quite a while ago it seems. All choirs sang in the downtown celebration November 27th. This included the sixth grade students, seventh and eighth grade combined choir, high school and after-school choirs at both schools.

Last Wednesday, December 13, despite the snow, the Middle School after-school choir caroled at Ausagra Acres and at Mercy Hospital, ending up back at the school for a party.

Tuesday, December 19, the High School Advanced Choir also caroled at Mercy Hospital, sang for dinner at Ausagra Acres, Mercy Hospital and then both Frederic and Grayling Elementaries.

We hope we spread some of our enthusiasm and good cheer!

Coming up, a super concert on January 31.

Mrs. Eva Strempek

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri., Dec. 22: Fish and Chicken Dinners, Moose Lodge, 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. \$3.00 adults, \$1.50 children.
Sat., Dec. 23: Children's Christmas Party, Moose Lodge, 2 to 4 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 31: New Year's Party, Moose Lodge, 10 p.m. until ?.
Sat., Jan. 13: District Meeting, Moose Lodge 1162.

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4-H ARTS & CRAFTS—A three-week program sponsored by the various Grayling 4-H Clubs has been continuing throughout the pre-Christmas Season designed to encourage Grayling children from the 3rd Grade through the Middle School to find out what 4-H is all about. Here's a group shown displaying the dolls they decorated, provided by Emil Kraus, Ben Franklin, all of which will be distributed to youth throughout the community. Candy was provided throughout the 3-week program by Chuck Hudson, Hudson's Prime of Beef.

According to Carol Boone, 4-H representative, the program attracted 150 kids from throughout the community and was a

"complete success". All the other projects enjoyed by the students, including the construction of 16" Christmas wreaths, wooden key rings and holders, bird feeders and Christmas ornaments, were taken home by those participating. The dolls will be distributed throughout the community by the Professional and Business Women's Association.

Mrs. Boone reported that Santa Claus made a premature visit this past Monday when punch and cookies were being served and that Dan Smith, Crawford County Energy Coordinator was extremely helpful in conducting the Arts & Crafts Show.

(Joe Schrader photo)

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank the staff of Munson Medical Center for the excellent care I received during my stay there. My thanks to my friends and relatives for their gifts, cards, calls and flowers. Rev. Dawson and Rev. Spencer for their time and prayers.

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Elizabeth Atkinson

Special Christmas Programs On CMU Public Radio

MT PLEASANT—Christmas will come alive in music on a special series of programs on Central Michigan University's public radio stations. Beginning Thursday, Dec. 21, WCMU-FM and WCML-FM will broadcast a series of programs featuring Christmas music from around the world.

"A Medieval Christmas" will be aired at 9:15 p.m. on Dec. 21. The program, performed at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, features music ranging from tenth century Spain to 20th century Corsica.

Three Christmas programs will be broadcast Fri., Dec. 22. At 9 a.m., Mike Carter of the CMU public radio staff will host a two-hour program highlighting several little-known Christmas works. Featured will be "Carol Symphony," by South African composer Christopher Hely Hutchinson.

An "English Christmas" will be broadcast at 11 a.m. featuring music from Olde England and colonial America.

At 11:30 that evening, "Night-side" will feature "La Fiesta de la Posada." This Latin music fiesta is performed by jazz pianist and composer Dave Brubeck, a jazz trio, guitars, marimbas, violins, two choirs and a mariachi band.

The "Boston Pops Christmas Program" will be aired at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 23. The Pops orchestra and the New England Conservatory Chorus will perform "The Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah" and Carol Contata No. 3, by Robert Russell Bennett.

Also on Saturday, "Folk Festival U.S.A." will feature "Nowell Sing We Clear." The program, at 8 p.m., includes carols sung in the old English manner.

The day before Christmas, Dec. 24, will include a presentation of Handel's "Messiah" at 2 p.m. "The Sounds of Christmas Past" at 7 p.m. will be an old-fashioned Christmas program designed for the family. It will include periodic reports on the whereabouts of Santa Claus, music from the Big Band era and traditional Christmas songs such as "White Christmas".

There will be music all day long on Christmas day. Raisins with Almonds" will begin at 9 p.m. The two-hour program evokes the spirit of Judaism through music, proverbs, epigrams and maxims.

The classic story of The Fourth Wise Man" will broadcast at 11 a.m. At 1 p.m., National Public Radio's Fred Calland will host a tour through

his collection of nearly 20,000 discs.

"A Holiday Pageant of Music and Miracle Drama" will close the Christmas celebration at 8 p.m. The special program blends music and drama in the traditions of medieval England

Elizabet Atkinson

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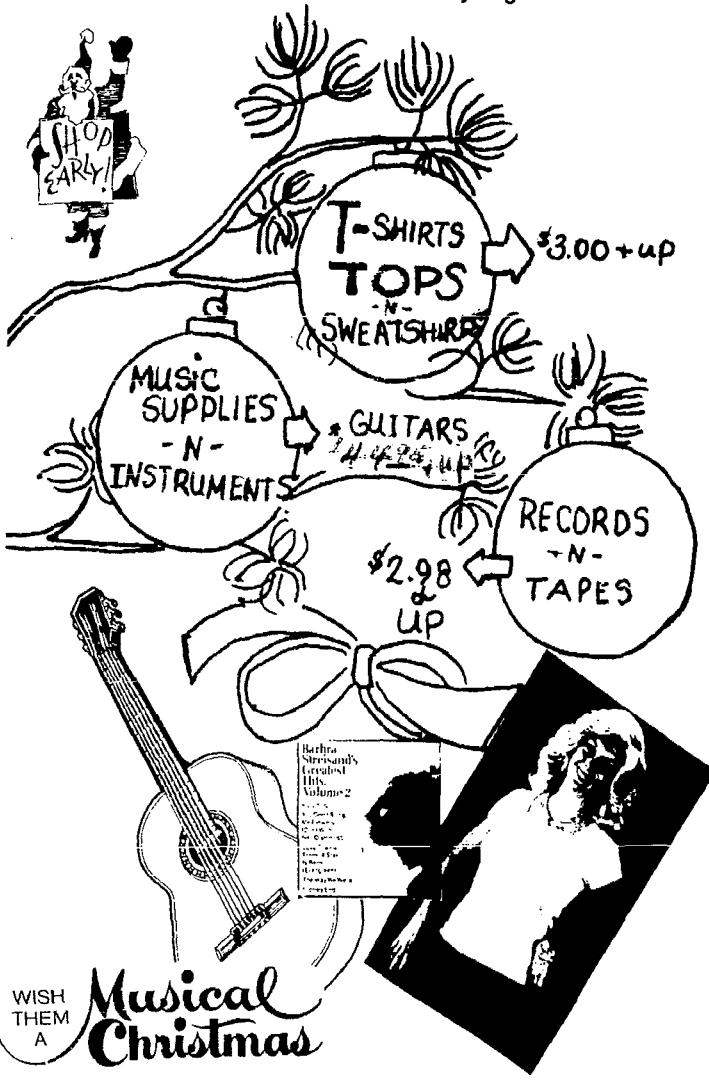
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Wednesday Night Bridge Club met at the home of Mrs. Elsie Jansen on December 13, for their annual Christmas party. High for the evening was Ann Dubois; second high was Doris Souders, and low was Helen Nicholas. The gallop prize was won by Ann Dubois with a new record of 9 tricks taken with a 3.

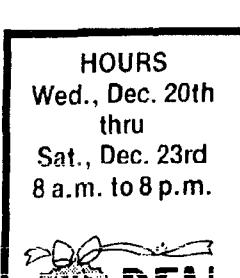
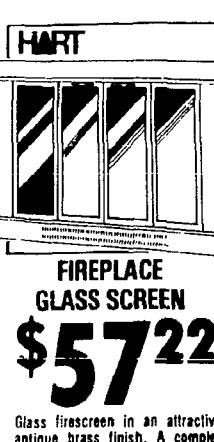
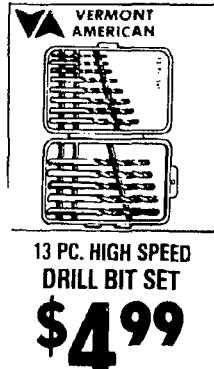
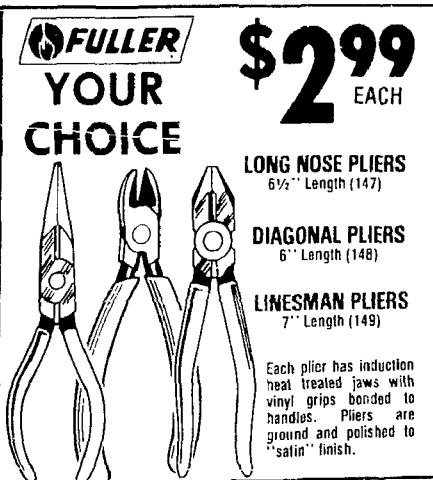
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Bits O' Talk

by Fay Boeve

The Jim McClain family moved, the weekend before last, into their new home on the AuSable River, upstream from the old dam. Last Sunday their daughter Julie, celebrated her 20th birthday and invited her friends in for refreshments.

Earl and Jeannine Jensen, of Troy, MI, and their two sons, Chris, of Arizona, and Eric, of Western Michigan U will spend Christmas Day with the Jim McClains. Also spending the holiday with their parents will be Randy McClain of Ferris State College and Danny McClain who is stationed at Wurtsmith AF Base.

Krafty Korners is open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday on Lawndale Street across from the Senior Citizens Center.

Dena Boeve of Marquette will arrive on Saturday to spend several days with her parents, Bob and Fay Boeve.

Thank you to our friends out there with the anniversary wishes, Bob and Fay.

Following the Grayling Elementary and Fredric Elementary program, Pat and Nancy Nunn, Gerald and Shirley McEvers, Lisa Eaton and Bob and Fay Boeve, entertained the teachers and their spouses at the Boeve home.

Gail Vaughn and daughter, Nichole, of Austin, Texas, will arrive in Flint on Wednesday at the Jeffrey Fowler home and on the 21st will celebrate Nichole's birthday. Her grandparents, Bernie and Pat Fowler are meeting them in Flint to help her celebrate the occasion. Gail and Nichole will return to Grayling to spend four weeks with her parents.

Penny Nunn of Ferris State will spend the Christmas holiday with her parents, the Melvin Nuns. She also spent Thanksgiving vacation with them. Penny is in the medical lab technician degree program at Ferris.

Editor's Mailbox

Mr. Howard D. Madsen
Crawford County Avalanche
Grayling, MI 49738
Dear Whitey:

I see where the City Council passed a motion to hire an additional City Police patrolman. According to Police Chief Pete Stephan, the requirements are as follows:

Mature adult, male or female. Minimum High School graduate, and in addition, the candidate must be willing to reside within the corporate city limits.

My question is, why must he or she have to live in the city to be able to fill this job? I am quite sure, that there are many people who live outside the city limits who could fill this job quite satisfactorily. What if, in reverse application, people who lived outside the city refused to shop in Grayling and boycotted the City's products?

It is high time this issue was buried. All citizens should have the right to work where they please.

Signed:

Mr. Don Denton, Sr.
R. #4, Box 42R2
Grayling, MI 49738

CARD OF THANKS

Thanks to my good friends who helped me after my husband passed away December 9th.

A special thanks to Dr. Oppy who advised me and to the Sheriff's Department for their prompt ambulance service.

Eleanor Rankin

Christmas

(by Lisa Eaton)
Twas the week before Christmas, when all through the school. Little people were stirring and big people too.

Showcases were decorated with love and great care. In hopes that Christmas spirit would soon fill the air.

The children all hustled and hustled about. While thoughts of vacation they were not without.

And I with my whistle and sneakers tied tight. Had picked up a pen, for lessons to write.

When out in the hall I heard children singing. I peeked thru the door sharing joy they were bringing.

Away to the classrooms they paraded on high. Spirits were mounting with heights to the sky.

And the tree with its light bulbs and garland so bright. Having just been put up, was a beautiful sight.

When what should pull up in front of the school. But the yellow school buses and flashing lights too.

And each of the drivers so patient and kind, I knew in a moment it must be that time.

More excited than ever thru the hallways they came. And they giggled and squealed as we called some by name.

Now Mary! Now Suzy! Now Tommy and Paul! No pushing! No running! Please walk in the hall.

To the front of the school, to the bus parked outside. Now finding a seat to prepare for the ride.

As the drivers started engines and put it into gear. Tiny children imagined it was pulled by reindeer.

Then they waved and they shouted as they passed from our view. Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! Best wishes to you!

School

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and maintain a Management Team approach to the administration of the district.

The establishment and implementation of a plan of action for obtaining necessary school district operating funds for future years.

Preparation and publication of Annual Reports to taxpayers citing Revenues and Expenditures with a narrative describing yearly objectives met by the schools and district as a whole.

Development of a process, incorporating Board of Education input and principles of a management by objectives approach to administration for evaluating the annual performance of the Superintendent of Schools.

Dr. Diedrich also requested that the Board approve the letting of bids for the purchase of three new school buses, a request that has been placed on next month's action agenda. Only whether bids will be let will be determined, a final decision on whether or not buses should be purchased would be decided at a later date.

Vandalism of school buses which resulted in the closing of schools on November 20th was also a topic for discussion at the meeting. Crawford County Sheriff Curt Haas is actively investigating the case and has been provided some timely leads, and according to Diedrich, when the person or persons responsible for the damage are apprehended, "they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law". In the meantime, Diedrich said, preventive action is being taken to see that a future incident of this nature is avoided.

The school closing on November 20th, a scheduled day of classroom instruction, will result in the cancellation of one of the two days previously designated as "spring break" and classes will be held on March 12th.

Mercy Hospital

The following were among those admitted to the hospital during the past week: Bonnie Larange of Grayling; Nancy Schornack of Frederic; Leota Westfall, Merle Dawson, Polly Schebel, and Connie Mahalak, all of Roscommon.

Those discharged were: Mary Main and baby, Southard baby boy, Sheryl Beck and baby, Bonnie Larange, Linda Longworth and Kenneth Rose, all of Grayling; Nancy Schornack of Frederic; Jeffery Nelson, Clark Shallenberger, Sandra Stanley, and Alice King, all of Roscommon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bieske of Gaylord are the proud parents of a baby girl, Trisha Marie, born December 16, weighing 8 lbs., 12 ozs.

Holiday Get Together

Many times in the past we read in the paper where Joe or Mary, etc. were home for holidays, but it is always after the fact.

This year Rick will be home from Lansing. Bill and Lynn from Jacksonville, Florida; Sally, Ron and kids from Tulsa, Oklahoma and Connie and her family from Grayling.

We'd like to invite all the classmates, friends of any age of Rick, Bill, Sally or Connie to drop in at our home, 308 AuSable Court, on December 26th from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for "chit chat" and refreshments.

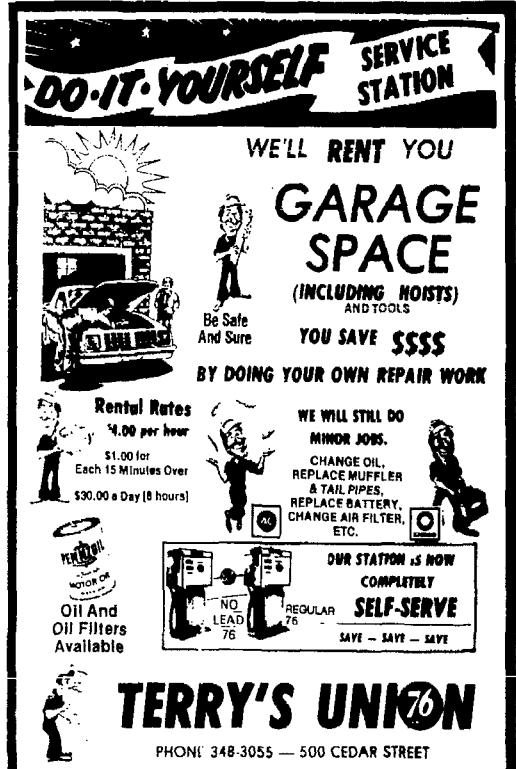
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Colonel Rutkowski Retires

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After his Air Force discharge, Rutkowski was employed as an apprentice-toolmaker with Door Mfg. Co. until 1950 when he enlisted in the National Guard in June of that year. He attained the rank of Master Sergeant and served in that capacity until his appointment as a Second Lieutenant in November of 1955, when he was transferred from Grayling to Lansing and served time in a number of positions including Field Auditor, Warehouse Supervisor and Motor Officer. He was promoted to the position of First Lieutenant in November of 1958, and continued service as the Motor Officer.

In October of 1960, he was

assigned the duties as Training Site Supervisor of Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, Michigan Army National Guard, stationed here in Grayling. While serving in that capacity, he was promoted to the rank of Captain on January 24, 1961. On November 1, 1961, Rutkowski was reassigned as the Detachment Commander of the Separate Detachment here at Camp Grayling. While serving in that capacity, Colonel Rutkowski received successive promotions to Major and Lieutenant Colonel, and was assigned to the position of Post Commander, Camp Grayling, in June, 1967. He was promoted to his present rank in April of 1972.

While he was climbing the ladder of success in the military ranks, the Colonel married the former Shirley Carriveau, and they are the proud parents of six children: Linda Franklin, living in New York; Rick, attending

Western State College in Colorado; David, in the Air Force, stationed at K. I. Sawyer A.F.B. in Marquette; Kathie Piper, employed at the Crawford County Avalanche; Debbie, living in Cheyenne, Wyoming and Mary, 18, residing at home.

In his capacity as Post Commander "Mr. Camp Grayling", as he is affectionately known throughout the area, oversaw and supervised a camp operation with some 127 employees.

Col. Rutkowski was succeeded by Colonel J. R. Lippert, a 33-year U.S. Army and Michigan National Guard veteran, who assumed command of Camp Grayling on December 16th.

"Citizens of Tomorrow"



Daughter of Sharon LaVigne of Rt. 1, Box 201, Frederic; Erma age 5, shown above.



Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Bindschadel of Dunckley Trail, Frederic; Lowell II age 11 months, shown above.



Son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wilson of 8335 Forest St., Frederic; Michael age 2, shown above.



Children of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Dunckley of Rt. 1, Box 177, Frederic; Miranda Kogelman, age 3 and Brian Dunckley, age 16 months, shown above.



Children of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Campeau of Rt. 1, W. 612, Frederic; Renec age 17, Sheree age 15, Cheryl age 14, Denise age 12 and Rochelle age 11, shown above.



Children of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller of Box 245, Frederic; John age 14, Pam age 13, Lindy age 12, Vicki age 11 and Tim age 5, shown above.

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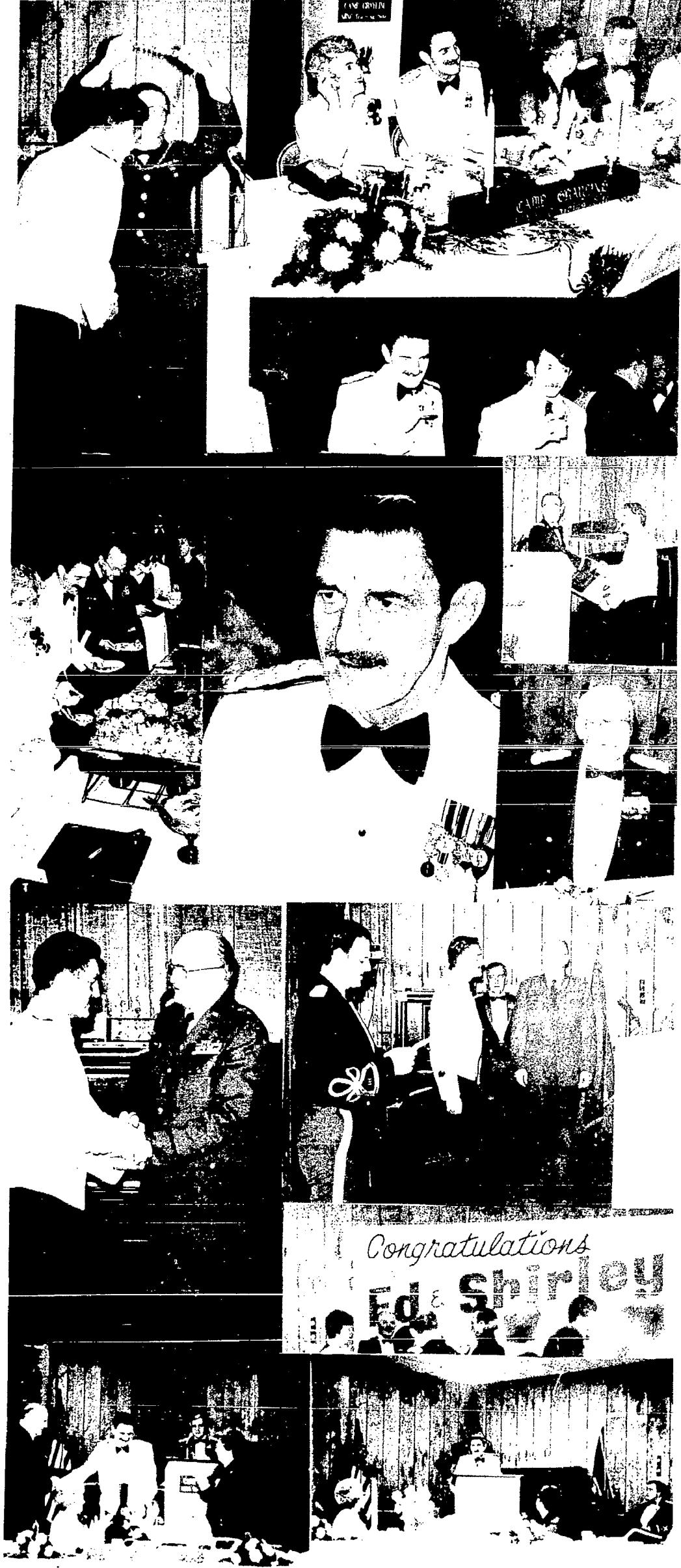


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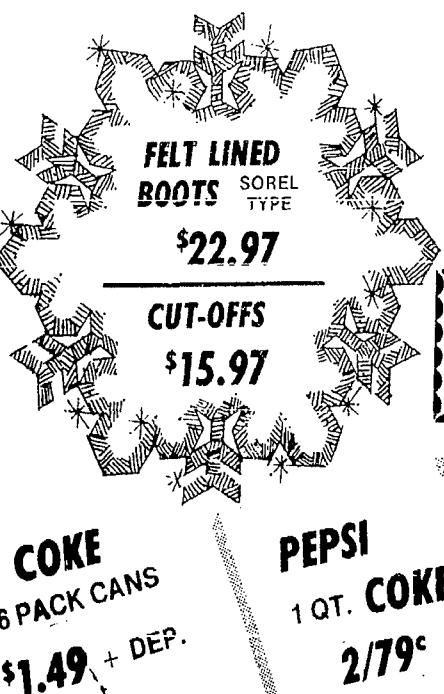
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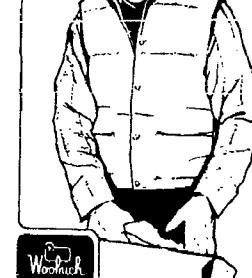
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Bowling Leagues

American League, 2nd Division
 1 Mercy Hospital 33
 2 LP Plastic #1 32½
 3 Moose Lodge 32
 4 Parker Surveying 31
 5 Down River Pines 31
 6 Terry's Union 76 26
 7 LP Plastic #2 21½
 8 Wilcox Carpet Service 21
 High Series: A. Stephenson, 549; B. Nielson, 528; T. Grant, 528
 High Games: B. Nielson, 203; M. Cook, 192; P. Lutzeck, 190

Recreation League

1 Women of the Moose 36½
 2 Olson's 34
 3 Grayling Power 34
 4 R.H. Sport Center 33
 5 Coe's Market 32½
 6 Grayling House 31
 7 Muriel's Beauty Salon 30½
 8 Pine City Motel 30
 9 Bay City Times 29
 10 Marilyn's Hair Boutique 27
 11 Lovells Hardware 26
 12 Arrowhead Inn 25
 13 Grayling Bank 23
 14 Krumrie Beverage 21
 15 Glen's Market 5
 High Series: J. Yoder, 547; J. Trenary, 546; M. Reed, 539
 High Games: J. Trenary, 204; M. Reed, 203; G. Nielson, 199

Pioneer League

1 Grayling Painting 43
 2 Dawson's 39
 3 Alf's Gals 37
 4 Hudson's Restaurant 29
 5 Millkin Construction 27
 6 Cornell Agency 26
 7 McLean's ProMart 24½
 8 Avalanche 16½
 High Series: E. Helsel, 510; S. Harvey, 502; D. Walker, 493
 High Games: S. Harvey, 486; D. Walker, 183

Northwood League

1 Grandmas 46
 2 C.J. Discos 33
 3 Leonards Electric 30
 4 Laurine's 27
 5 Milltown Sanitation 25
 6 Northern Pines Assoc. 25
 7 Huss Dry Wall 22
 8 Comfort Center II 17
 High Games: D. Helsel, 203; E. Helsel, 194; N. Steffes, 190
 High Series: E. Helsel, 551; J. Helsel, 404; V. Henning, 496

Coffee League

1 Old Dam Party Store 32
 2 Grayling Mercantile 30
 3 Mother's Sales & Service 29
 4 Red's Party Store 27
 5 Callahan's Sunoco 25
 6 Wan-on-lawn 25
 7 Grayling Pharmacy 23
 8 Chamber's Builders 18
 9 Hins' Games 15
 10 Hins' Games 15
 11 Hins' Games 15
 12 Canfield 19½
 13 Eberts 18½; D. Brady & B. DeHart, 17½
 14 High Series: D. Brady, 180; C. Canfield, 188; B. DeHart, 170
 Youth Bowling - Pin Pals1 Down River Pines 35
 2 McDonald's 30
 3 LP Plastics 29
 4 Flowers by Josie 26
 5 Comfort Center 26
 6 G & A W 23
 7 Terry's Union 76 22
 8 Legion Lanes 18
 9 High Games Boys: R. Reddy, 428; D. Datolato, 223; P. Zill, 360
 High Games: Girls: R. Reddy, 171; D. Datolato, 169; S. Brooks, 130
 High Series: Girls: K. Warden, 410; L. LaMotte, 378; D. Kitchen, 375
 High Games: Girls: L. LaMotte, 158; K. Warden, 147; D. Kitchen, 143
 There will be no bowling on December 23rd; however, we will bowl December 10th

Youth Bowling - Early Birds

1 Little Caesar's 35
 2 Lakeview Stables 32
 3 Mac's Drug Store 29
 4 Dan & Maggie's 26
 5 Grayling Pharmacy 24
 6 Shakers Kids 22
 7 Glen's Market 22
 8 Richelet's 18
 9 High Games: Girls: S. Amend & C. Canfield, 162; J. Murdo, 148; V. Bielski, 147
 High Games: Boys: J. Heisel, 205; B. Terry, 191; M. Willoughby, 178
 High Series: Girls: M. Canfield, 374; P. Pavlak, 364; V. Bielski, 351
 High Games: Boys: J. Heisel, 517; B. Terry, 497; R. Grant, 428

Senior Citizen's Bowling League

1 Little Caesar's 31
 2 First Savings 31
 3 Mac's Drug 30
 4 Larry S. Jean's Place 29½
 5 Dri-Mart 24
 6 Spike's 23
 7 New York Life Ins. 23
 8 R.S. H. Sports 9
 High Series: Men: T. Tosto, 492; G. Foltz, 488; R. Zilac, & H. Pixley, 484
 High Games: Men: G. Williams, 190; I. Testo, 180; R. Zilac, 179
 High Series: Women: M. Foltz, 512; B. Spender, 498; M. Frankenfeld, 439
 High Games: Women: M. Foltz, 188; M. LaMotte, 175; B. Spender, 167

Niteowl Mixed Doubles

1 TIA 45
 2 Van's Limited 36
 3 Credit Union 36
 4 Moore's Automotive 30
 5 Winter Catalog 27
 6 D. McLaughlin CPA's 25
 7 Ron's Sport 25
 8 Everett 16
 High Games: Men: J. Kazick, 528; D. Par, 559; M. Hettlinger, 516
 High Games: Men: D. Ray, 213; J. Krucki, 261; M. Hettlinger, 200
 High Games: Women: V. Henning, 542; A. Lutzen, 446; G. Sampson, 466
 High Games: Women: V. Henning, 190; A. Lutzen, 183; G. Sampson, 182

Friday Nite Mixed

1 Little Debbie 34
 2 Goliad's Taverne 26
 3 L & L Shell Service 24
 4 Perry & McLaughlin CPA's 20
 5 Mother Sales & Service 20
 6 Legion Lounge 20
 7 Riley's Country Store 19
 8 LP Plastics 17
 High Games: Women: J. Yoder, 480; M. Doy, 452; B. Grant, 444
 High Games: Women: M. Perez, 182; J. Yoder, 173; A. 161
 High Series: Men: G. McLaughlin, 527; J. Giant, 513; R. Perez, 484
 High Games: Men: T. Francis, 189
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Saturday morning, December 23rd, the Kiwanians will have their annual delivery of Christmas baskets throughout the community.

The next meeting of the Grayling Kiwanis Club will be Tuesday, December 26th at the Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel at 12:10 p.m. It will be a ladie's luncheon.

Mrs. David Jansen is in charge of the program.

At the December 11th meeting of the Kiwanis Club, Miss Joan Baynham, who spent last year in the Netherlands, through the Youth for Understanding Program, was the speaker. Members of the YFU also present were Bill Klinger, Mrs. Tom Weede and Sally Wert.

Silvertops Hold
Christmas Pot Luck

The Silvertops had their Christmas Pot Luck Dinner on December 12th. The dinner was delicious and all were joyously entertained after dinner by Valerie Jones. Ruby Reetz's granddaughter and Dixie Lee Losbinger with accordion Christmas and other music. Everyone enjoyed it immensely. There was also an exchange of gifts.

We will not have any meetings until the second Tuesday of April. Hope to see everyone at that time. All over 55 are welcome.

Marge Oliver, President
Ruby Reetz, Secy.-Treas.NEWCOMERS TO GRAYLING
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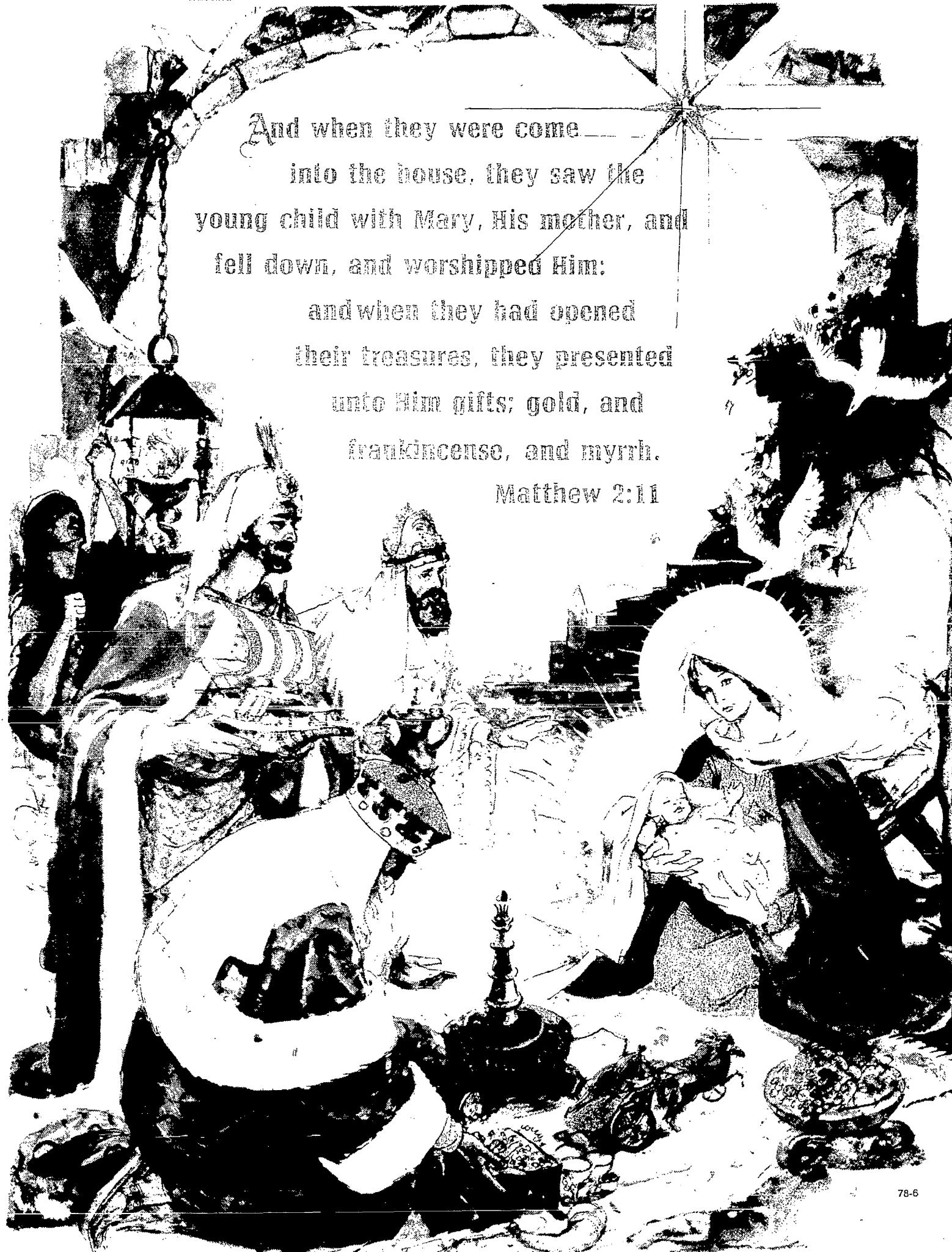
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Christmas Greetings

Joy to the World



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We too exult in the divine miracle of the Holy Birth and hope the gifts of its eternal message of Love, Faith and Hope are yours

now and forever. At this time of joy and inspiration we extend sincere gratitude to our friends.

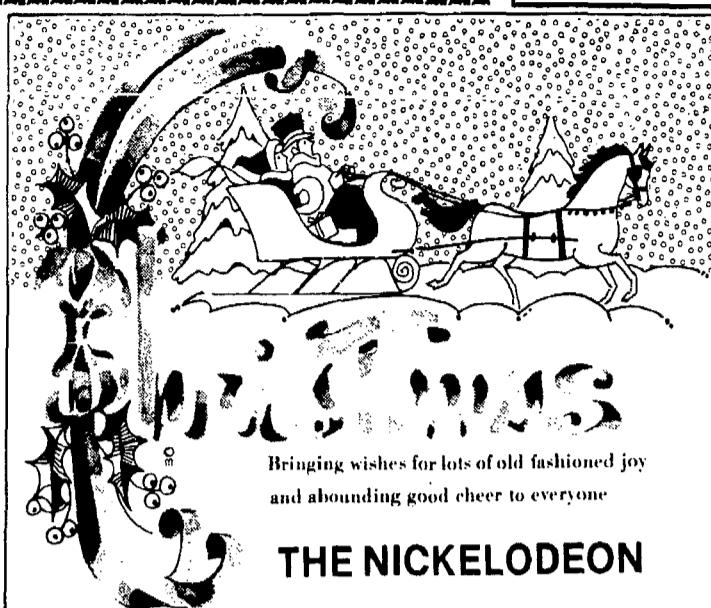
GREETINGS

TO ALL MY FRIENDS IN
CRAWFORD COUNTY AND GRAYLING.

Else Anderson

ASS ESSENTIAL
TO EVERY DOMAIN

Although the ass, such as the one ridden by Mary, is sometimes described as a 'lowly beast, fit for those of humble station, there is considerable evidence that the docile and useful ass was ridden by many rich and prestigious people as well as the poor. The Bible often mentions the ass as a common part of many households.



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A Traditional Christmas Dinner Features Delicious Roast Goose

A savory, fat roast goose has long been the favorite choice for a traditional Christmas dinner. Filled with delectable fruit stuffing it becomes a sumptuous gourmet treat as well.

ROAST GOOSE WITH

APPLE-PRUNE STUFFING

1 Goose—18-19 lbs.
Stuffing - recipe below
Salt and pepper to taste
1 clove of garlic
1 cup coarsely chopped celery
1 cup coarsely chopped onions
3/4 cup coarsely chopped carrots
1 bay leaf
1 cup water

Preheat oven to 400 degrees—goose will take approximately 3 hours to cook. Fill goose with stuffing, truss and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place bird breast side up in shallow baking pan and bake 1 hour. Baste occasionally. Pour excess fat off and add the garlic, celery, onions, carrots and bay leaf all around the goose. Cook one hour more, basting frequently. If goose looks like it is getting too brown, cover with aluminum foil. Continue roasting for one last hour, then remove goose to warm platter. Drain fat from roasting pan, add the cup of water and stir, scraping brown bits from sides and bottom of pan. Strain to serve as gravy. Remove trussing, carve. Makes 10 generous servings.

APPLE-PRUNE STUFFING

1 goose liver, 1 heart and 1 gizzard
3 Tablespoons butter
1 clove of garlic chopped finely
2 1/2 cups onions finely chopped
2 cups finely chopped celery
1 cup finely chopped parsley
1 bay leaf
1 Tablespoon chopped sage
1/4 teaspoon chopped thyme
1 cup dry white wine
1-12 oz. box pitted prunes, chopped
6 cups apples, peeled, pitted and sliced into thin wedges
2 lightly beaten egg yolks
2 cups coarse bread crumbs
Salt and pepper to taste

Trim off outer coating of gizzard; remove veins from liver. Thoroughly blend pieces of heart, liver and gizzard in food processor or electric blender. Heat butter in large, heavy skillet, add onions and celery, cooking until glassy. Add liver mixture. Mix and add garlic, parsley, bay leaf, sage, thyme and wine. Cook about 5 minutes, stirring all the while. Add remaining ingredients and using hands, blend well. Cool, fill goose, then proceed with goose recipe.

Be inventive when planning the other dishes for your grand feast and make this a really memorable meal!

Sweet Treat . . . Rose Petal Jelly

"A rose is a rose is a rose" . . . according to Gertrude Stein, celebrated poetess. Not always so, when its rich red petals can be turned into that all too rare treat . . . rose petal jelly!

If you remember the delicate taste and fragrance of rose petal jelly from when you were a child, you'll welcome this almost forgotten recipe. If you have never tasted it, try this easy recipe for a new and delightful taste experience. Put two quarts of fresh rose petals into a large

bowl and cover with 1 quart boiling water. Cover the bowl and steep for 20 minutes. Strain into a wide, shallow pan. Add 3 teaspoons of lemon juice, 4 cups of sugar and cook over medium heat until the sugar is dissolved, stirring constantly. When mixture passes the jelly test (two drops flow together in a metal spoon) skim and pour into hot, sterile jars and cover with paraffin.

Enjoy this fragrant jelly on biscuits.



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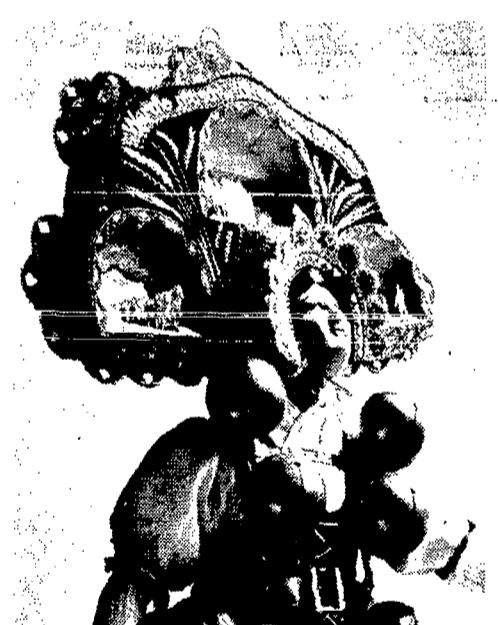


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A "SILVESTERKLAUS" of Canton Appenzell-Ausserhoden, Eastern Switzerland, such as this one is among the most striking of the figures which clang bells and wear magnificent headdresses and masks as they frolic around in large or small groups demanding money from onlookers. Wearing artists headgear often resembling filigree work or depicting houses or entire landscapes, their name, "Silvesterklaus," is an allusion to St. Nicholas. Photo courtesy Swiss National Tourist Office.

Italian Foods at Christmas Vary According to Regions

Feasting is an integral part of the Christmas celebration, symbolizing not only rejoicing at the coming of Christ but, also, the spirit of sharing and brotherly love which is characteristic of the season. Like so many other aspects of Christmas, it is a blend of Christian and pre-Christian traditions, strongly influenced by local customs.

In Italy the dishes of the Christmas feast vary widely depending on the region. In the north, for example, the meal may begin with cappelletti ("little hats") stuffed with meat or tortellini, a sort of ravioli, followed by a main dish of meat, which may be anything from roast turkey with chestnut stuffing to zampone, a pork sausage packed in a pig's leg smothered with lentils.

In the area around Rome, the traditional dish of Christmas Eve is "capitone," a large female eel, roasted, baked, or fried, following a religious tradition which prescribes a meatless dinner on Christmas Eve, the Vigilia, or Christmas vigil. In accordance with this tradition, the Roman fish market, held the night of December 23rd, is a peculiar feature of the Christmas observance.

In the south of Italy, the feasting usually begins with macaroni with meat and tomato sauce, followed by chicken or meat in jelly.

Particularly characteristic of Christmas feasting in all regions are sweets: fruitcakes of various types (panettone) and other sweets in which nuts and honey figure prominently.

The Christmas season coincides with the lengthening day and the beginning of the New Year, and from ancient times nuts have been a symbol of fertility and a promise of the next year's harvest, also representing hope for increase in herds and flocks, and the family, as well. The use of honey, the most common sweetener in ancient Rome, was a traditional way of conveying the wish that the new year might be as sweet as the gift.



We give thanks for the
unchanging and cherished
traditions of the holiday and your
everlasting friendship.

**JACK MILLIKIN
CONSTRUCTION**

March of Dimes Scholarships Aid Genetics Associate Students

Just a decade ago Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, N.Y., became the first college in the country to offer a master's degree program in human genetics. Since then 120 graduates have been awarded degrees. Graduates are known as Genetics Associates and work with physician geneticists in genetic services.

The need for such a program was brought about by the increasing medical advances that are being made in the field of genetics. The involvement of the March of Dimes in the program is only natural since the voluntary health agency is dedicated to the prevention of birth defects, and has been the major

Investment
The scholarships are paid in part by the March of Dimes Chapters in the students' home towns. For those Chapters, it is an investment in the future of their community since many graduates return to follow careers in this important aspect of birth defects prevention.

The program has attracted students from throughout the U.S., including Alaska, as well as Canada, Israel and India.

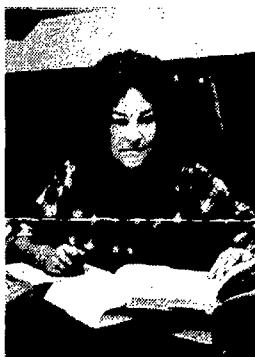
Rosalind Mitchell of Baltimore and Nancy Zellers of Portsmouth, N.H., are now enrolled in the program, thanks to March of Dimes scholarships.

Ms. Mitchell is a first year master's degree student.

"As a little girl, I thought I would become an artist," she recalls. "I was always drawing. I still draw now, but mainly family trees."

Although five other schools in the country offer similar programs, Ms. Mitchell chose Sarah Lawrence because, as she says, "It was best suited for my goals, which are genetic counseling and research."

RODALIND MITCHELL found she could use her artistic ability as a genetics associate.



NANCY ZELLERS planned to be a social worker until she found a new world in genetic counseling.

During their two years at Sarah Lawrence the students are exposed to clinical fieldwork as well as classroom study. A second year student, Nancy Zellers has worked in three clinical settings.

"I fell in love with genetics while I was at the University of New Hampshire," she says. "But I was a sociology major and I didn't want to give that up."

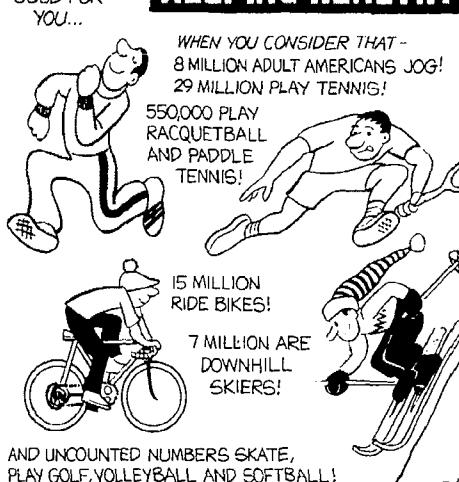
When she questioned her professors about how she could integrate the two, they suggested genetic counseling.

Ms. Zellers is anxiously looking forward to her graduation. "People are going to continue to have babies," she explains. "So there will always be a need for genetic counseling. To me genetic counseling is a form of preventive medicine."

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Forecast Period - December 24-30

ARIES Start a regular savings plan and set up a budget you can live with. Bring order to your financial picture.

TAURUS Maintain an emotional poise and partnership affairs should go well. Accept well-meant suggestions offered.

GEMINI Employment matters are first on the agenda, but don't forget the importance of physical fitness. Watch your diet over the holidays.

MOONCHILD Affairs of the heart bring happiness. Harness all emotion lest you go beyond the bounds.

LEO Interest in a home renovating plan, with new furnishings, keeps your mind occupied. Put the plan to action.

VIRGO Accent is on educational matters and communication with others. Your ideas carry a lot of weight. Share them.

LIBRA Look for ways of adding to your resources. A gift Sept. 23-Oct. 22 or bonus is very likely.

SCORPIO You'll probably be the pace setter this week. It's a Oct. 23-Nov. 21 time for regrouping your forces — move up and on.

SAGITTARIUS Background activities seem to fill your present Nov. 22-Dec. 21 needs. Follow your intuitive urgings.

CAPRICORN Friends come and go in your circle, altering Dec. 22-Jan. 19 plans. New acquaintances open new doors. Be flexible.

AQUARIUS Business and professional matters are prominent. Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Keep in close touch with those at the top.

PISCES Good fortune and opportunity come your way. Feb. 19-Mar. 20 Keep your eyes "peeled" and be ready.

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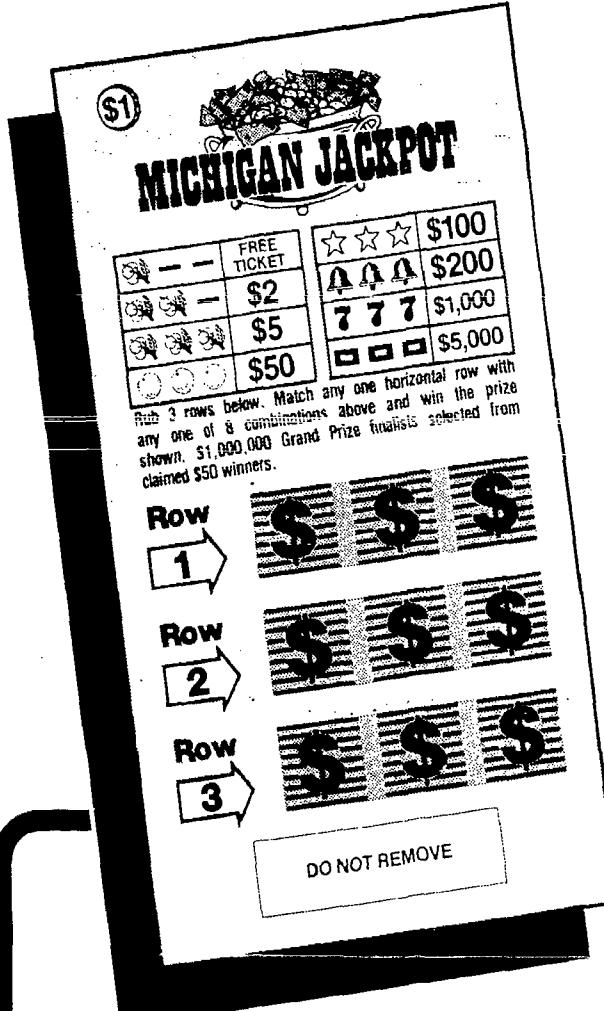
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many holiday joys and
blessings you share
with your loved ones.



JACK & BETTY'S
MOTOR LODGE

Lovells



Midst the joys of a truly
old fashioned Christmas, we stop for a
moment to wish our dear friends all
things bright and beautiful!

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Test Yourself With The Christmas Quiz

See how many of these questions about Christmas subjects you can answer. Check answers below and score yourself!

- The distance Mary and Joseph travelled from Nazareth to Bethlehem was approximately:
 - 5 miles
 - 70 miles
 - 20 miles
- The origin of the word Noel is:
 - French
 - Spanish
 - German
- The words manger, creche, and crib all have the basic meaning of:
 - a cradle
 - a stable
 - a rack for feeding animals
- The population of Bethlehem at the most recent census was:
 - 25,000
 - 11,500
 - 49,000
- The Church of the Nativity was originally built by:
 - Roman Catholics
 - the Emperor Constantine
 - Greek Catholics
- The actual date of Jesus' birth was:
 - December 25th
 - a date undetermined
 - January 7th
- Mary and Joseph travelled from Nazareth to Bethlehem because:
 - Mary's home was in Bethlehem
 - The Romans were taking census
 - Joseph had work in Bethlehem
- Reindeer are found:
 - all around the Arctic Circle
 - only in Northern Europe
 - all over the world
- The large-scale conversion of Laplanders to Christianity occurred:
 - in the 19th Century
 - in the year 330
 - in the 17th Century
- The best source of water in the Nazareth of Jesus' time was:
 - Mary's Well
 - the Mediterranean Sea
 - a Roman aqueduct

ANSWERS

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SCORING

8 or better is excellent — go to the head of the class!
5 to 7 is average. Less than 5 — return one Christmas present!

STOCKING STUFFERS

Many people put off buying small stocking stuffers until the very last minute. Christmas stockings are as much a part of the holiday as decorating the tree, family dinners and gifts, and should be chosen with that in mind. How about some of the following?

- Mini-puzzles for children and adults.
- Finger puppets for the little kids. Imaginative ones are available in stores or try crocheting them yourself.
- Key chains with appropriate hobby charms or nameplate.
- Small change purse or miniature bank.
- Toasty sleep-socks rolled into a colorful ball.
- Art supplies, box of crayons, safety scissors.
- Soft sculpture dolls.
- Pretty hair barrettes.
- Multi-purpose Swiss knife.



LENG'S GARAGE
Frederic

Holiday Drinks That Warm Up The Crowd!



Holiday parties call for something a little more spectacular than ordinary cocktail party bar fixings. You'll find these recipes for hot and cold drinks the answer, whether you're having friends in for dinner, a festive midnight supper or a great big "invite everybody" open house. They're sure to add a spirited touch to that extra special occasion.

TRADITIONAL SYLLABUB

1 cup whipping cream
3 tablespoons sugar
1 tsp. lemon juice
1/2 cup brandy
2 egg whites, stiffly beaten

In large mixer bowl or electric blender, blend cream and sugar at low speed. Add brandy, lemon juice, and egg whites last. Continue mixing at low speed for 2 or 3 more minutes. Serve promptly, refrigerating any leftovers. Makes 3 cups.

WINE-TEA PUNCH

3 1/2 cups chilled strong tea
2 - 6 oz. cans frozen limeade
1-4/5 bottle of chilled white dinner wine
1/2 to 1/2 cup sugar, according to taste
Mint sprigs

Ice Block or lots of Ice Cubes
Combine first four ingredients, stirring until sugar is completely dissolved and limeade is thawed. Pour into punch bowl over previously frozen block of ice. Serve over cubes in tall, slim glasses garnished with mint sprigs. Makes two quarts of liquid. If you're having a really big crowd double the recipe and reserve half in a pitcher to be used as needed.

RED ZIPPER

4 cups vegetable juice
Dash of Tabasco or hot pepper sauce
Juice of 1 lemon
1/8 tsp. celery seed
1/4 cup butter
2 cups dry sherry
Lemon slices

Combine first four ingredients in a saucepan. Bring to boiling point over medium heat, stirring all the while. Add butter and wine and pour into warmed punch bowl. Serve garnished with lemon slices in punch cups. Yield 1 1/2 quarts.
Skoo!

QUICK'N EASY INDIVIDUAL FRUITCAKES

These tiny, individual fruitcakes can be made about a week in advance and put away in a covered container until you're ready to serve them. You'll need: one 1 pound fruit cake (dark), 1 1/2 cups confectioners sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla extract, 1 teaspoon cocoa, 6 to 8 teaspoons water. Place wire rack over waxed paper, extending paper a little beyond rack. Cut fruit cake into 1-inch cubes with sharp knife and stand on rack. In a bowl mix the sugar, cocoa, vanilla, and water until thick and smooth. Drizzle over fruit cake squares, covering tops and sides as it runs down. Top each square with a piece of candied fruit or a pecan half. Let stand an hour to set before storing in a covered container. Approximately 24 pieces.



PAT AND MARGIE HARWOOD

HOLIDAY GREETINGS



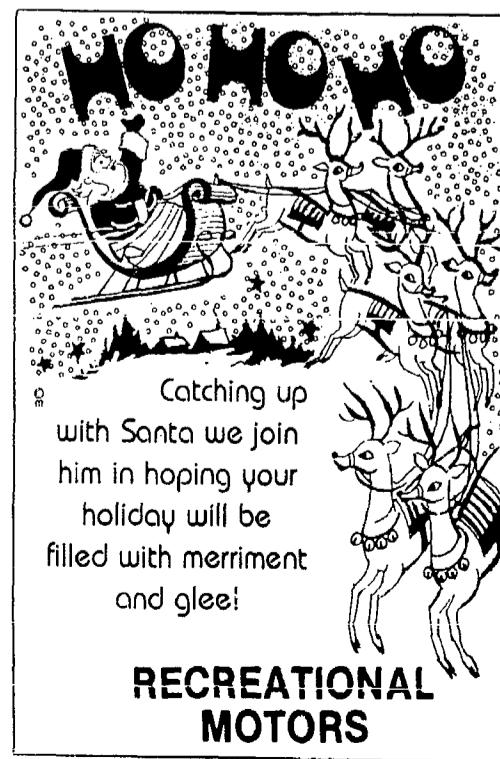
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Happy Holiday

Surrounded by the warmth and love of an old fashioned holiday we send wishes for a simply wonderful Christmas to our loyal friends.

CLAIR'S STANDARD SERVICE

Outstanding Collection of Folk Art Nativity Sets Dramatizes Holy Birth

by Marjorie S. Miller

The reverence that Christians everywhere feel for the momentous event that took place in Bethlehem, is expressed in their Nativity scenes. Although representations of the Nativity have been found in the Roman catacombs, that go back many hundreds of years, it was not until the mid-thirteenth Century that the first set of individual figures were made by Arnolfo di Cambi in Italy.

In 1223, St. Francis of Assisi re-created the Nativity when he fashioned an outdoor crèche, or crib, to show Christ's humble beginning. His hope of bringing the joyful message of Christ's birth to all was realized, and the crèche became a most cherished Christmas tradition.

Mrs. Rosemary D. Sullivan of New York City, an energetic retired art teacher, has been collecting folk art Nativity sets for about forty years. Although her preference is for contemporary cribs, she does have some old Neapolitan figures that date back to the mid-eighteenth Century. Thirty-five countries are represented in her more than 150 sets.

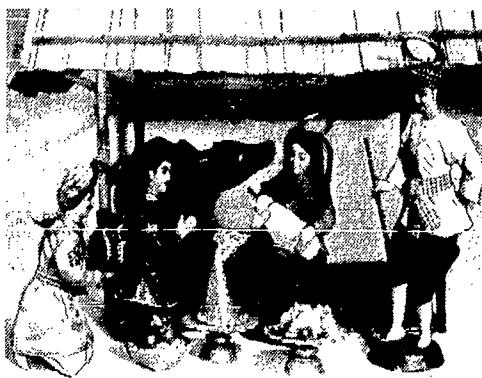
Mrs. Sullivan welcomes every opportunity to show her unique collection and is a generous lender to museums, libraries, schools and other exhibitions during the Christmas season. The rest of the year her precious things are packed away at home. She does however, keep a Nativity set of fine Hummel porcelain always on her mantle. Two years ago, anticipating a visit from a fellow collector from Holland, Mrs. Sullivan unpacked and set out all her scenes. It was another two years before she packed them up again to store away!

When asked what first stimulated her interest in collecting Nativity sets, Mrs. Sullivan replied she really didn't know. "It's like falling in love. What makes you fall in love? It just happens."

About forty years ago while walking through the old New York Wanamaker's department store, right after the Christmas holidays, Mrs. Sullivan spied some plaster Nativity sets that had been marked down to 75¢. Then and there she bought her first set. Not

THE STORY OF THE CHRISTMAS STOCKING

Legend has it that a casual blunder by St. Nicholas started the custom of hanging Christmas stockings. While making his yearly rooftop visits in Holland, this kindly gent dropped his purse down a chimney. Much to the good fortune of those below, the purse fell into a stocking left on the hearth to dry. As word spread of the family's good luck, the tradition of hanging Christmas stockings became popular and widespread.



NATIVITY SET FROM THAILAND by Tonghorn Chan-davimol. Figures 8" tall have delicate facial features painted on silk; the clothes are copies of native dress.

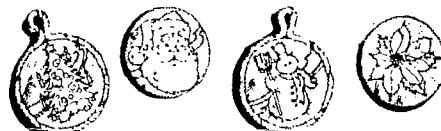


FRENCH SANTONS FROM PROVENCE, FRANCE. Movable arms are wired to shoulders of terra-cotta bodies. 12" tall. Costumes follow traditional styles.



NATIVITY SET FROM HONG KONG. Bamboo stalks are used ingeniously to create scene and 7" figures.

Kids...Fun-To-Make Christmas Presents!



When you give a gift you make you sell it shows you really care. Surprise Mom and Dad, or a special friend, with a set of brightly colored coasters or a gay Christmas tree ornament! They're a snap to make and you'll probably find the supplies right around the house. If not, they cost very little to buy.

THINGS YOU NEED:

Corrugated cardboard
Christmas gift wrap or cards
White glue
Colored yarn if making decorations
Paint brush
Varnish and scissors

Cut a circle from the cardboard, about 3-3½ inches in size. Trace around the rim of a wide glass or jar for this. You need 1 circle for each coaster or ornament. Cut same size circle from the gift wrap or colored greeting card and glue onto cardboard circle, pressing down from center to outer edges. When glue is dry apply 1 coat of varnish - let dry overnight. Apply a second coat of varnish and let dry again overnight. Clean the varnish brush after you use it so it doesn't get hard. You now have a pretty waterproof coaster. A set of four makes a handsome gift!

If you want to make tree decorations, continue as follows: Glue colored yarn around edge of finished coaster. Cut a 5 inch piece of matching or other color yarn and glue onto back of coaster making a loop at the top. Now it's ready to hang on your tree or to give!



long after she found a second crèche in a Mexican shop in Greenwich Village. A set made of straw came next, and Mrs. Sullivan was happily involved in her new hobby!

Her next acquisitions were some paper crèche sets bought from shops that dealt in religious goods. The stores, in lower Manhattan, were being razed to make way for a new post office and Mrs. Sullivan was able to make some good buys. In the last twenty years she has added three more paper sets, from Sweden, to her beautiful collection.

Leads for finding her special treasures come from many sources. Friends of friends hear about figures on display, or for sale, in other cities and pass the word along. Shopping in foreign places has unearthed many unusual sets and Mrs. Sullivan says "some just kind of floated by."

A Nativity scene picked up on a trip to Thailand in 1970 is Mrs. Sullivan's favorite. Beautifully made and put together with loving care, it is a stirring interpretation of a miraculous event.

American Indians in the west have been making Nativity sets and Mrs. Sullivan's collection includes five from different pueblos.

Mrs. Sullivan is an authority on the santons, or little saints, that came to Provence, France, in the eighteenth Century from Italy. The elegant and dramatic crèches of Naples called presepi, were not only for the rich, but it was not long before the simple people developed their own ceramic Nativity figures, called pastore. It was these delightful figures that the French interpreted in their own way, creating a truly original version of the Nativity scene.

"The Friends of The Christmas Crib," an active, international organization of collectors, headquartered in Rome, has no American members. Mrs. Sullivan was the only one from the United States to attend their convention in Innsbruck, Austria, in 1974, and she is looking forward to the next one in Nuremberg, Germany, in 1979. Although she claims her collecting days are over, who knows what treasures she will find there!

LEGAL HOLIDAY

The only religious holiday recognized as a legal holiday throughout the United States is Christmas. Alabama became the first state to declare Christmas a legal holiday, in 1836. By 1890, all other states had done the same.

HOLIDAY PUZZLER

Can you remember the names of all of Santa's reindeer? We've listed them all directly below, upside-down, but first see how you do without peeking!

Reindeer, Dasher, Blitzen, Vixen,

It strikes us that our patrons are really something special! To you all we send wishes for a resounding holiday, with our thanks.

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May yours be a simply wonderful holiday, enjoyed to its fullest!

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Thanks to our many friends who have made our new business very successful.
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Deck The House With Greenery

Try decorating the plants that live at your house all year round for Christmas.

Tie a few featherweight red Christmas-tree balls, a few tiny red bows or lacy paper snowflakes and starflakes onto houseplant branches.

If you have a flourishing hanging plant, wrap the hanging wires with tinsel to strings of small Christmas-tree balls. You can swag drapes, string popcorn or cranberries around the outside of the pot, and tuck a Christmas-tree ball or two in among the foliage leaves.

Cluster small, or large, potted plants beside a sofa, on a deep window sill, or at the end of an entrance hall. Remember too, a group of plants reflected in a mirror yields double the pleasure and double the money's worth.

A potted miniature boxwood tree can quickly be converted to a "jewel" tree when you decorate it with bright rings and earrings — not precious, but the kind of cheap and cheerful baubles and bangles that might well play dual decorative roles.

Yesterday's Toys Retain Popularity

Toys, dolls and games for the children have always ranked high on the gift lists and exchanging gifts as Christmas is one of the most time-honored of customs.

In the not-so-long-ago, however, just one important present — a doll for a little girl, perhaps, and a toy accordion for the boy — was all that youngsters might expect at Christmas.

Santa is more bountiful these days but the gifts he brings are like those of yesteryear in at least one way. They reflect the interests and fashions of their times.

Dolls, yesterday and today, dress in the favorite styles of the moment. Toys, too, show the influence of current events.

Toy racing cars, for instance, came in with the automobile, while today more complex types of wheel toys take advantage of modern technological developments.

Carol Party In Melbourne

The world's greatest caroling party is held in Melbourne on Christmas Eve. The attendance has been as high as 300,000. The Christmas Eve gathering presents a breath-taking spectacle for every singer carries a lighted candle. The event is known as "Carols By Candlelight".

The Yule event has been tied in with a charitable appeal in behalf of sick and disabled youngsters. When help was first sought, the response was only a trickle of contributions. Later, money poured in such a flood that a whole new hospital unit for children was built at a cost of about 300,000 pounds.

Each year the crowds for "Carols By Candlelight" has increased. Everybody comes, regardless of race, religious or social position.

Colonials Held Bayberry Candles Brought Good Luck

Today if you buy a candle designated as bayberry, the wax will have come from one or more species of bayberries in Puerto Rico or Columbia. Most imports are listed under the name of myrtle wax, laurel wax or bayberry. A small amount is obtained from South Africa as bayberry or capeberry wax. Often, ordinary paraffin-wax candles are coated or dipped several times with bayberry wax to give them the olive-green color and fragrance, or they are colored an olive-green resembling bayberry essence or chemicals. Most manufacturers make all three and label them to tell you the type.

A merry verse about the good luck the bayberry candle brought abounded during the Colonial era:

"If you burn the bayberry candle bright to its end on Christmas night, 'tis the tale told tried and true 't'would great love and health to you."

Bayberry grew wild in the sandy soil along the Eastern coast from Nova Scotia to northern Florida, and candles were in abundance to provide the Colonists with a bright light and pleasing scent. The pleasures of gathering bayberries for candles at Christmas is all but past, except for a few individuals who have bayberry bushes on their property.

A Wish

"God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, remember our savior was born on Christmas Day."

Ausable Woodworking



As the sweet sounds of Christmas echo round the world, we wish you all the blessings of a joyous holiday season.

HOERL'S DECORATING

Doc & Darlene Latuszek

Christmas Tree Ship Awaited

A Matson freighter, nicknamed the "Christmas Tree Ship", delivers a stock of fir trees to Hawaii from the U.S. Northwest each year. Hawaii has its own natural Christmas decorations like poinsettia and red, waxy anthuriums bloom on byways and decorate homes.

The most striking difference between Christmas in Hawaii and Christmas in New York is that in Hawaii in December is like New York in June.

Arriving about the same time, in Waikiki, as the Christmas Ship is Santa. Children marvel at his lengthy trip from the North Pole. Santa comes by boat, for there is water all around them. They look for him as eagerly as do the boys and girls in the land of snow and ice.

Before the missionaries and the American settlements went to Hawaii, the natives knew nothing about Christmas, but now they celebrate the day as much as do the Americans who live there.

Some Hazards Of Christmas

Because of the excitement and commotion at Christmastime, children's curiosity is stimulated even more than usual. Parents are distracted and busy with what is sometimes a hectic time. Dangerous items may be left in the reach of children or normal precautions may be forgotten for a moment that can turn into a disaster.

For Parents: A few things to remember:

Leave winter car care products such as de-icer and anti-freeze above the reach of children and always capped.

Don't leave cleaning agents in the reach of children.

There could be potentially dangerous items in gift Chemistry sets — keep away from younger brothers and sisters.

Spun glass is used in angel hair decoration, and may look like cotton candy to a child. If you use it, place it in high spots.

Holly berries can cause vomiting and depression of the central nervous system. Mistletoe and Jerusalem cherries are also harmful if taken internally.

In Denmark Children Anticipate "JUL-NISSE"

The splendor of Christmas in Denmark for many is the benevolent little man called "JUL-NISSE". Seen by no one except the cat, this little man lives in the attic and tends to the farm animals. Before retiring on Christmas Eve, the children place a bowl of porridge and a pitcher of milk before the door of the attic. As you might expect, the food is mysteriously gone come Christmas morning. Even the birds are remembered. Every year a sheaf of grain is saved from the harvest, and on Christmas morning every door gate and gable is decorated with this bundle of grain. It is the birds Christmas dinner.

Potato Latkes Are Easy And Delightful

4 eggs, separated
6 large potatoes, peeled, grated and drained (about 4 pounds)
1 large onion, grated
Salt, Pepper to taste
Pinch of baking powder
1 cup vegetable oil

1. Beat egg whites until stiff and dry.

2. In a large mixing bowl mix potatoes, onion, egg yolks, salt, pepper and baking powder.

3. Add egg whites, fold in, mix well.

4. Heat oil in a large frying pan and drop latkes from a large cooking spoon into the hot fat. Fry golden brown on both sides; drain on paper towelling. Can be served with meats or with sugar, applesauce, sour cream. Makes about 2 dozen large latkes.

What To Do With Christmas Plant

Now that you have a beautiful Christmas poinsettia, begonia or azalea — how are you going to care for it?

Unwrap the plant and be sure there is a drain hole in the bottom of the pot. Put the potted plant in a saucer that will hold water. Place the plant in a draft-free place where it will get plenty of light. Water the plant when the soil feels dry, with room temperature water. Let the water stand in the saucer no more than a half hour before emptying it.

If possible, the plant should be in a cooler place, 60 degrees at night, and at room temperature (70 to 75 degrees) during the day.

The south or southwest window away from radiators or any source of heat is the best place for the plant in the winter.

yuletide GREETINGS

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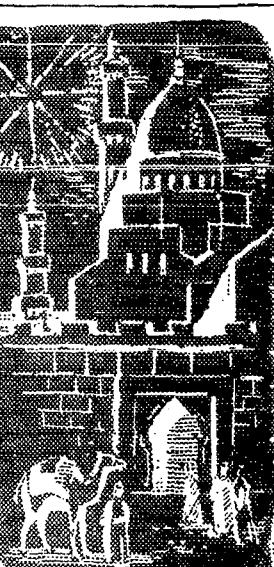


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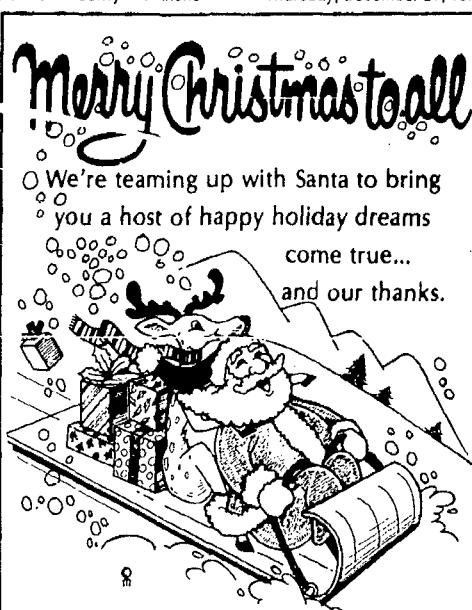
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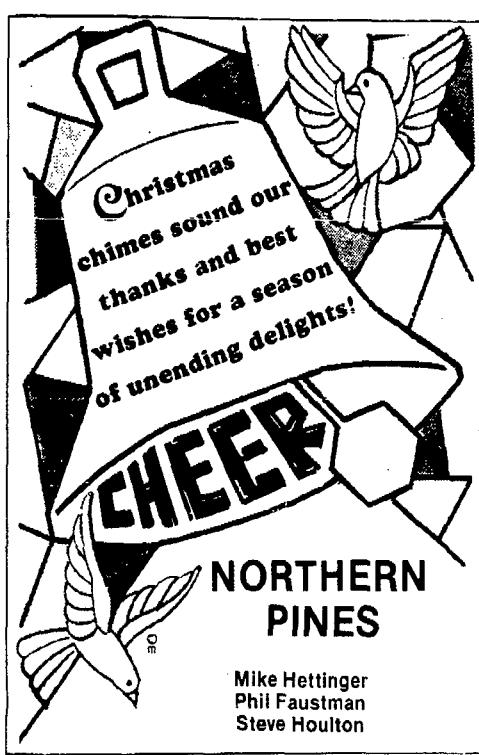
Santa As A Sky Pilot: Bearded St. Nick uses an early flying machine for a delivery of toys. This Christmas card published in 1915 is from the Hallmark Cards Historical Collection.



Santa's Pennyfarthing bicycle cutting through the snow on a card made in the late 19th century by L. Prang, father of the American Christmas card. From the Hallmark Cards Historical Collection.



R. WIEBER JEWELERS



Antique Cards Illustrate Santa Claus's Merry Mythical Excursions From Frosty North Pole

Santa's mode of transportation wasn't always as lightfooted as his eight happy reindeer. Matter of fact, Santa didn't meet up with Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Comet, Blitzen, Donder, Cupid and Vixen until 1822, when Clement Clark Moore penned his popular poem "The Night Before Christmas."

Before the Reformation, Dutch children pictured St.

Nick riding about on his pony, "Swarte Piet" (Black Pete). The Pennsylvania Dutch turned the animal into a white mule and called the rider Kriss Kringle!

Antique cards in the Hallmark Cards Historical Collection, show Santa riding everything from a rocket ship to a "Pennyfarthing"—essentially a unicycle with a small back wheel. The father of the

American Christmas card, Louis Prang, showed Santa pedaling through the snow with a holly branch in hand and reindeer in pursuit.

A 1909 postcard pictures St. Nick at the helm of a ship, one from 1915 shows him flying an open airplane. Even contemporary cards portray jolly Santa getting around in a variety of ways, from motor bike to reindeer.

Santa himself has been portrayed in many shapes and sizes. He is alternately pictured in Christmas archives as a white bearded, priestly looking man, a black bearded buccaneer, a roly-poly elf and a gaunt old man!

Whatever his means of transportation, Santa is Santa, beaming and jolly, and Christmas would surely not be the same without him!

HOLY MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

The English word for Christmas comes from *Christes Maesse*, which means "the Mass of Christ." Most nations derive their term for Christmas from the lengthy Latin name *Festum Nativitatis Domini Nostris Iesu Christi* (The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ) or the shorter form *Dies Natalis Domini* (The Birthday of Our Lord). In Spain Christmas is called *La Navidad*, in Portugal, *Natal*, and in Italy, *Il Natale*. Christmas is called *Razdeksava Khrisja* in Russia, and the German word for Christmas, *Weihnachten* stands for Holy Night or Blessed Night, referring to the Nativity only by implication.



GRAB-BAG OF GIFTED ENTERTAINING IDEAS AND OTHER GOURMET TREATS

A basket of delicacies is a wonderful way to say "Merry Christmas!" Put one together yourself imaginatively with unusual gourmet items or the makings of a festive dinner. A dinner basket lined with holiday greens or a brightly colored napkin can include a chicken or duck, ready to cook or just roasted and carefully wrapped, a bottle of wine, a gathering of fresh vegetables, cookies or a fruitcake.

Another welcome gift basket could include one or two fine cheeses, bright red apples and green pears, a jar of homemade preserves, holiday cookies and a bottle of wine or brandy.

Ever think of sending your favorite recipe as a Christmas card? Choose one of your most unusual dishes . . . one that you know is really great. A local printer can set it up and reproduce it on colored paper or you can type it on the inside of a pretty, blank greeting card. Use a colored ribbon in your typewriter and sign it brightly with a matching felt tipped pen. A really original greeting!

Since the holiday brings out the best of your cakes, pies and cookies, why not have a "desserts only" evening for friends. You might serve those really sumptuous cakes you love that are too rich after a complete dinner. Set your table with a seasonal centerpiece and several cakes, pies and holiday cookies. Rich, steaming coffee and an interesting spiced tea should fill the bill.

Have a dessert tree, as a special surprise, to end a holiday dinner party. Buy a styrofoam cone in the local five and ten cent store, choosing the size that best fits your needs. Using toothpicks and a variety of dried and fresh fruits, candies and berries, you can create a colorful climax to your meal. Arrange them at random or in a design, until the cone is completely covered. Place on a platter of green leaves and enjoy the compliments as you place it on the table!

Symbols Adorn Greeting Cards

Christmas card artists have a wealth of symbols from which to draw when preparing illustrations. Holly is symbolic of chastity, flying birds symbolize spiritual life and a peacock stands for eternal life. Lambs call attention to the sacrifice on the cross; beasts of burden often stand for humili-

ity. And a white rose recalls the little shepherd girl whose tears were turned to white roses by an angel. The child had burst into tears at the manger because she had no gift. Christmas lights symbolize the Glory of God and holly berries the drops of blood caused by Christ's crown of thorns.



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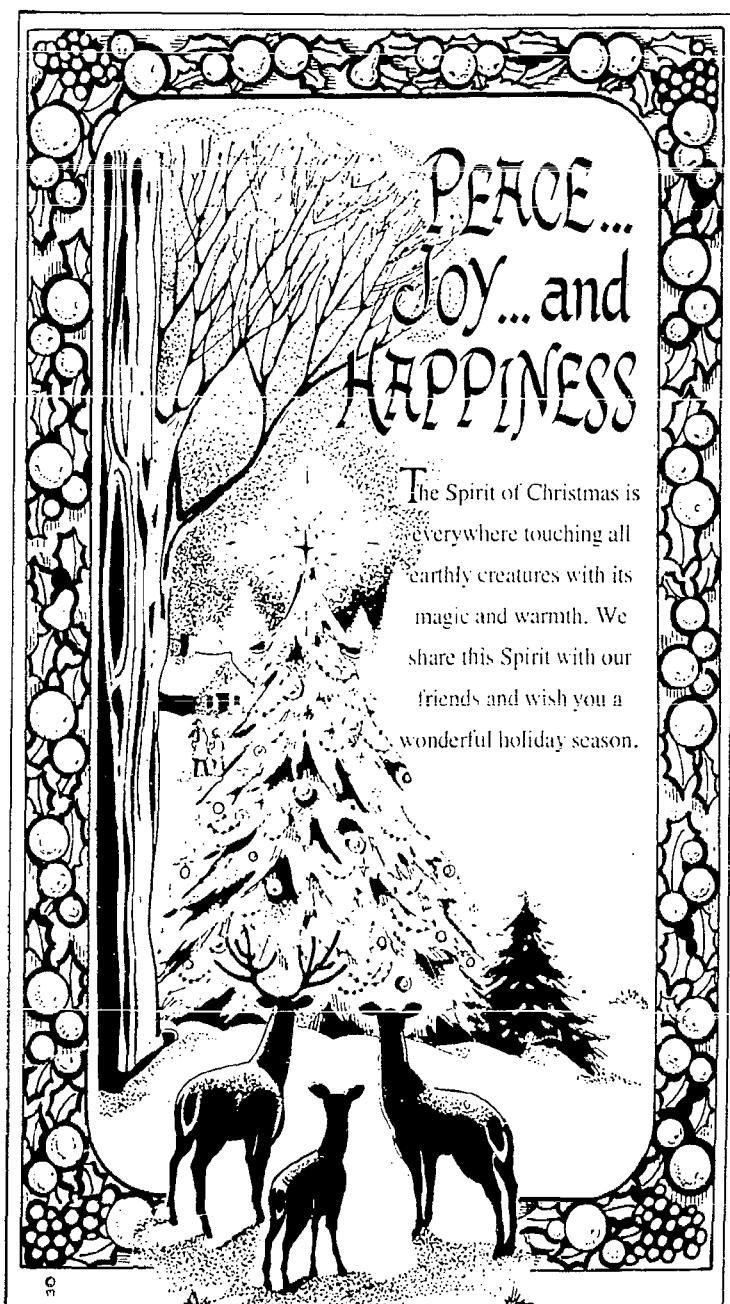
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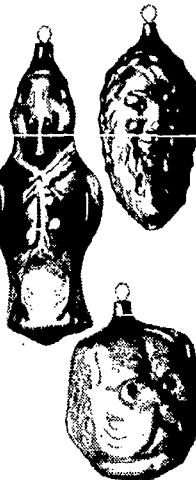
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LeRoy and Sally Papendick



Legends Surround Custom Of Trimming The Christmas Tree



The Christmas tree and the ornaments we hang on it are German in origin and legend dates them back many centuries. St. Boniface, an English missionary who Christianized the German Druids in the 7th century, supposedly toppled a holy oak of the pagans with a single blow on Christmas night. Behind the oak was a small evergreen, which the missionary explained was a holy tree, and a symbol of endless life. St. Boniface decreed that the fir was to be recognized as the tree of the Christ child.

Another legend tells that Martin Luther improvised a Christmas tree in an effort to explain to his wife and children the impression the night sky made on him. He placed lighted candles on the branches of a fir and saw myriads stars in them!

German settlers brought the Christmas tree custom to America where it became popular in the early 1800's. The custom was so unique that for some years churches and private houses often set up decorated trees and charged admission to view them.

Craftsmen in the Thuringian Mountains in Germany started production of delicate glass ornaments to decorate their evergreens in the mid-1800's.

By the turn of the century, the Yule tree moved from the church auditorium into the home and tree trimming became a family tradition. Electric lights and tinsel replaced candles, but many traditional trimmings like popcorn and cranberry garlands, still grace fragrant trees.

Today our tree trimmings are as varied and personal as our people. Corn husk dolls and ornaments have been "rediscovered", and quilted, patchwork stars, animals and figures are gay and popular. Trees are hung with frosted pine cones, yarn figures, miniature toys and glazed cookie dough ornaments. In this land of endless creative talents there's no end to the imaginative directions tree trimming takes.

The wonder of Christmas is enhanced by this lovely custom and we share the special beauty it brings to a bewitching, festive season.

From the top:
Glass tree ornament, probably
an early image of Santa, c. 1900.
"Silver" color glass duck ornament,
c. 1900-1910.
Dog's face on three-sided glass
ornament, c. 1900.
Photograph courtesy of The
Oakland Museum History Dept.

District Court

The following appeared in 83rd District Court last week before Judge Francis L. Walsh:

Mark William Doyle, 18, Grayling demanded preliminary examination on two charges of breaking & entering unoccupied dwellings; the 12-day period was waived and a \$1,000 cash/surety bond was set.

Kevin Eugene Harmer, 20, of Frederic, was bound over to circuit court following preliminary examination on a charge of breaking & entering an unoccupied dwelling and a \$2,000 cash/surety bond was set.

Jeffrey John Kolka, 20, Grayling, demanded preliminary examination on a charge of resisting, beating or wounding a police officer, the 12-day period was waived and a \$100 cash/surety bond set.

William Clayton Kellogg, Jr., 19, of Grayling demanded preliminary examination on a charge of felonious assault, the 12-day period was waived and a \$1,000 personal bond set.

Ernest Weils, 25, Mississippi, pleaded guilty to a charge of malicious destruction of property under \$100, and was sentenced to 13 days in jail with credit being given for time already served.

Lawrence Richard Lannoo, 27, St. Ignace, pleaded guilty to a charge of impaired driving and was fined \$185 or 14 days in jail.

James Milton Guedry, 51, Grayling, pleaded guilty to a charge of impaired driving and was fined \$185 or 14 days in jail.

Joseph Anthony Riedy, 32, Bay City, pleaded guilty to a charge of impaired driving and was fined \$185 or 14 days in jail.

Legal Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for
the County of Crawford

Estate of Johanna Christina
Marie Langenberg

File No. 3745

TAKE NOTICE: On January 19, 1979, at 10:00 A.M., in the Probate Courtroom, City of Grayling, Michigan, before the Hon. Emil L. Kraus, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held for the purpose of all Creditors of the deceased that they are all notified that all claims against the estate must be presented to said Thomas E. Kent, Attorney for Petitioner at 114 Michigan Avenue, P.O. Box 459, Grayling, Michigan and proof thereof filed with the Court on or before January 19, 1979.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned to persons determined of record entitled thereto.

Dated: December 12, 1978

Petitioner
Thomas E. Kent,
Attorney for Jeanette Henig,

Executive

P.O. Box 458
Grayling, Michigan 49738

Attorney for Petitioner
Thomas E. Kent
Kent & Davis
P.O. Box 458
Grayling, Mich. 49738
Phone (517) 348-5232

14-21-28

Touchaven Project Seeks Help

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

MORTGAGE SALE—Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by John K. Mason, of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor, to Theodore J. Leslie and Ingeborg Leslie, husband and wife, of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgage, dated the 2nd day of May, 1972, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 11th day of May, 1972, in Liber 117 of Records, page 218, which mortgage was assigned by Theodore J. Leslie and Ingeborg Leslie to Russell A. McLaughlin, of Houghton Lake, Roscommon County, Michigan, by an Assignment of Mortgage dated the 24th day of July, 1972, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 24th day of July, 1972, in Liber 117 of Records, page 89-90, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$9,123.95.

And no suit or proceedings at law, or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Friday, the 19th day of January, 1979, at 10:00 a.m., said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Crawford County Building in the City of Grayling, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is located), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, aforesaid, on said mortgage, with the interest thereon at seven percent (7%) per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law; and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned necessary to protect his interest in the premises.

Said premises are described as situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, viz:

Commencing 305.6 feet West of the East 1/8 post on the North 1/4 line of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, thence Northwesternly 404.3 feet; thence Easterly 76.54 feet, thence Southeasternly 351.1 feet to the centerline of Old M-93, thence Southwesterly along centerline to Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 6, 1978

Emil L. Kraus, Probate Judge
Elna Mae Mosher, Petitioner
607 Ionia Street
Grayling, Michigan

14-21-28

Legal Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN

In the District Court for
the County of Crawford

Estate of Clarence D. Foulk

Defendant,

vs.

Clarence D. Foulk and Beula N. Foulk, Plaintiffs,

William H. Ryan (P-19809)
Attorney for Plaintiff

ORDER TO ANSWER

At A SESSION of said Court continued and held at the County Building in the City of Grayling, State of Michigan, Crawford County, on this 28th day of November, 1978.

PRESENT: Hon. Francis L. Walsh, District Judge.

That on November 13, 1978, an action was filed by Lexsan, Inc., Plaintiff, against Clarence D. Foulk and Beula N. Foulk, Defendant, in this court, to obtain a judgment of forfeiture in summary proceedings. That inquiry has been made through friends, the post office and a process server who attempted service, and an address has not been obtained.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendants, Clarence D. Foulk and Beula N. Foulk shall take answer or such other action as may be permitted by law on the 2nd day of January, A.D. 1979 at 2:00 p.m. Failure to comply with this order will result in a judgment of default against defendants for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this cause.

Francis L. Walsh

District Judge

83rd Judicial District

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Hurricanes

Since 1971, just five hurricanes have touched the shores of the continental United States. Two of them, Agnes (1972) and Eloise (1975) have resulted in substantial losses. Until this year, hurricanes have always had feminine names. In the future, hurricanes will have alternating feminine and masculine names.



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Metal trees present no fire hazard in themselves. They can, however, be a source of serious shock hazard if you use electric lights on them. Sharp metal edges may cut the cord insulation or the metal needles might touch an electrically charged component. In either case, the whole tree will become electrically charged. The safest way to illuminate a metal tree is to use colored floodlights placed in different spots around the room. These floodlights can become quite hot too, so take care where you put them. If you purchase a plastic tree, pick one that is made of fire resistant material.

Christmas Poem:

Author Unknown

*As Joseph was a-walking,
He heard an angel sing
"This night shall be the
birthnight
Of Christ our heavenly King.*

*His birth bed shall be neither
In house nor in hall,
Nor in the place of paradise
But in the oxen's stall.*

*He neither shall be rocked
In silver nor in gold,
But in the wooden manger
That lieth in the mold.*

*He neither shall be washed
With white wine nor with red,
But with the fair spring water
That on you shall be shed.*

*He neither shall be clothed
In purple nor in pall,
But in the fair white linen
That usen babies all."*

*As Joseph was a-walking,
Thus did the angels sing,
And Mary's Son at midnight
Was born to be a King.*

*Then be you glad, good people;
At this time of year;
And light you up your candles
For His star is shineth clear.*

Try A Different Decorating Idea This Christmas

Some families like to try a new theme, to depart from the traditional Christmas tree decorating, or let the children make the ornaments.

For a Victorian looking tree, miniature packages wrapped in velvet or brocade and tied with brightly colored ribbon can be a tree theme. Use traditional lights and other trimmings with it.

A tree made from wire or wooden dowels, with its branches flat against the wall and twined with artificial leaves, can have ornaments or lights in the shape of fruit. This is especially good for mantelpieces or sideboards. Regular shaped, larger trees also can be used, and fruit ornaments or lights used for decorations.

A toy tree — cutouts of animals, toy soldiers, dolls or sleds from foam rubber sheeting can be decorated by gluing sequins on them. Actual miniature toys can be decorated with sparkling particles.

Decorate a tree with birds and illuminated electric candle lights, a theme following the Nativity legend. Birds can be glass, metal, feather or paper. Children can cut birds from last year's Christmas cards or make cutouts from colored or metallic paper.

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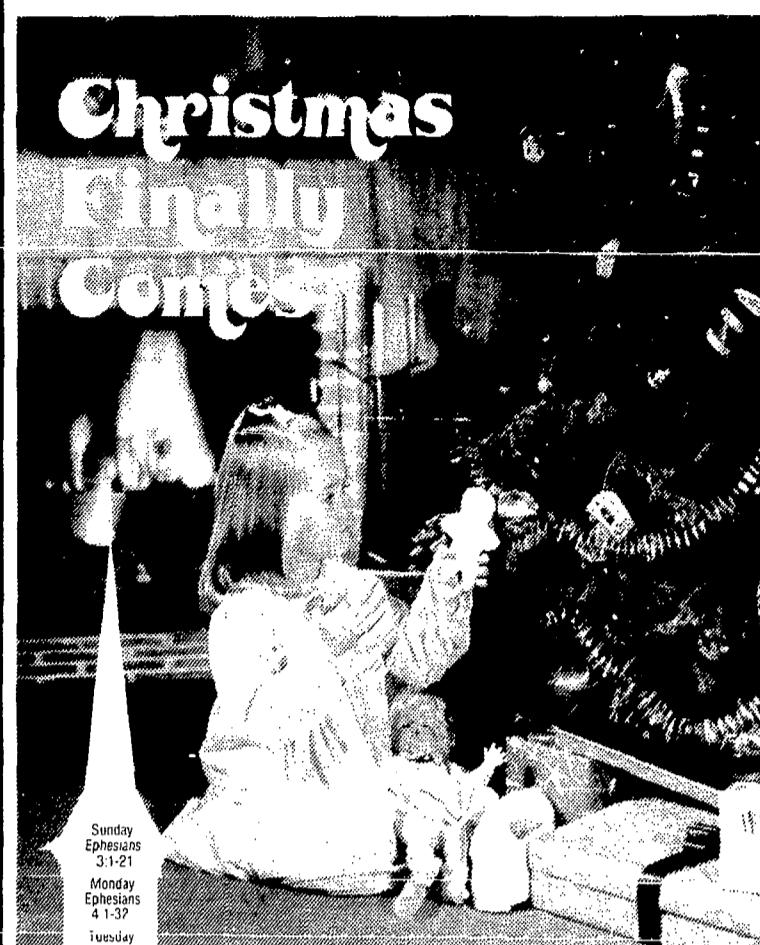
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FREDERIC CHURCH OF GOD

Rev. Rex D. Phillips, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Midweek Prayer, Wed., 7 p.m.

Reorganized Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter Day Saints

Corner of North Down River

Rd. and South Millikin Rd.

Pastor, John Peterson

Sunday:

Church School 10 a.m.

Preaching 11 a.m.

Midweek Service, Prayer, 7:30

p.m.

GAYLORD CHRISTIAN

REFORMED

Rev. J. J. Vanden Hoek

415 Ohio North

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Evening Service 5 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL

LUTHERAN CHURCH

[LCA Synod]

501 Michigan Ave.

Robert F. Haskel, Pastor

Phone 348-8201

Church School 10 a.m.

Worship Services 11 a.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

M-72 West

Pastor Robert Barnett

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service 11 a.m.

Evening Worship 6 p.m.

Mid-Week Services

Prayer & Bible Class, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

St. Francis' Episcopal Church

M-72 West

Rev. Walter W. Dawson

Sunday Service at 8:30 a.m.

Church School and Supervised

Nursery at 10:30 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Frederic

Pastor Robert Taylor

Sunday:

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Church School 9:45 a.m.

Youth Fellowship Sun., 7 p.m.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Ollie C. Smith, Pastor

6652 W. Kelkaska Rd.

[M-72 West]

Phone 348-5362

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Worship Service 11:15 a.m.

Evening Service 6 p.m.

Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Gordon French, Minister

1090 Old Dam Road

Phone 348-8573

Sunday:

Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

Communion & Preaching 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Wednesday:

Wednesday Prayer, 6 p.m.

Bible Study and Praise, 7 p.m.

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Hallelujah
We pray the Spirit of the holiday will grow ever greater in your heart.

Arnie & Bernie Mauren

Nostalgia Cards Are Popular This Year

Greeting card manufacturers say the slick, mod look of previous years in Christmas cards is being replaced by Jolly Saint Nick and more traditional, old fashioned cards. They are keeping pace with the current nostalgia trend.

People are buying cards that reflect their feelings, and nostalgia is a reflection of their seriousness.

Designs have moved away from the loud and splashy colors of the 1960's and messages have become more simple, and heartfelt. The biggest sellers are traditional: The Nativity, old-fashioned ice skating scenes, holiday table settings and little children of every description.

REJOICE
May your Christmas be one of Peace and Joy and Giving.
Sorenson Funeral Home
Derek McEvers - Owner & Director

GIFT CERTIFICATES

Anyone likes to get a "paid" gift certificate and there are more than the conventional department store type to consider.

Almost any establishment with specialized goods and services to sell should be willing to make up a "paid" slip for you in the name and amount you choose. You can custom-tailor your certificate-giving at a hobby or pet shop, yarn or fabric store, record or book store, beauty store, service station, cheese store or most any type gift your shopping for.

Instant Photography Captures Holiday Memories To Cherish

When you take self-developing pictures at Christmas your whole family can see the magic of color images emerging on a blank print! Children love watching them develop and appreciative relatives treat them as something special when you send them as thank you notes.

If you already have an instant camera you can capture the complete holiday mood starting before the actual day. Shoot the family selecting your tree and decorating it with bright ornaments.

Or will this be the year you ask Santa for an instant camera? If so, let's hope he remembers to mark the package "open me first" so you can begin photographing when all the excitement starts.

Here are some suggestions from Kodak photo experts. They'll help you take good pictures with the least amount of work.

* Tell a complete beginning-to-end story by starting with shots of the youngsters in front of a pile of unopened presents and closing as they are tucked in bed.

* Check your background for distractions before pressing the shutter release. Undesirable clutter can often be eliminated by shooting from another direction or moving closer to your subject.

* Add variety and impact to your pictures by shooting from different angles and distances.

* For interesting pictures photograph when your subjects are doing something . . . opening gifts, enjoying dinner, playing with toys, arriving at your home.

PIPE CLEANERS HELP TRIM-A-TREE

Pipe cleaners in colors are a boon when trimming a tree. They're great for attaching lights and cords to branches.

can be bent to use as ornament hangers, fasten reinforcing sticks to limp branches and when curled in a spiral make an attractive trim themselves. Some enterprising folk shape them into little figures to hang as original ornaments!

Store your lovely Christmas ornaments in clean cartons from the liquor store. The dividers separate and protect them when they are tucked away. A little tissue around each will keep it whole until next year.

Letters to 'Santa' Overflow Mailbox



THE MOST FAMOUS RESIDENT in the town of Santa Claus, Indiana, population 300, is Santa Claus himself who receives well over 100,000 letters annually from children across the country and around the world. As Santa Claus in costume and Jim Yelling out of it, a 42-year career has been devoted to making sure letters are answered.

There's something special about Santa Claus in a small southern Indiana town where the famous Christmas legend has become somewhat of an everyday reality.

This town with a population of about 300 year-round residents, and a family of deer, is the jolly old gent's namesake home — Santa Claus, Indiana — as well as the home of his helpers, and the location of his overflowing mailbox.

A unique landmark at Santa Claus is the U.S. Post Office near the intersection of Indiana highways 162 and 245, and next to the entrance to Santa Claus Land.

There is nowhere in the world where you can find a post office like this one. Its architecture is that of a stone-fronted fairyland castle in design and while the community has but slightly more than 300 year-round residents this post office each year is flooded with about four million pieces of mail. The bulk of all this mail comes around Christmas time to receive the cherished Santa Claus postmark. Still others arrive addressed simply to "Santa Claus, 47579."

Letters addressed to "Santa Claus" represent the tens of thousands of children's "want lists" that foretell visions of Christmas morning, promise cook-

ies and milk, and extend best wishes to Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Rudolph. And, to the delight of children everywhere, all of these letters receive an answer from Santa Claus.

This unique practice dates back to the late 1920s when Robert L. Ripley popularized the town by featuring it in an article in his "Believe It Or Not" column. After the article appeared, mail began to mushroom, especially letters addressed to "Santa Claus."

Tourists with children also started to arrive and make visits to the post office with their Christmas mail, following in the steps of Ripley who also sent his Christmas cards through the office here as proof that there was indeed a Santa Claus — as verified by the postmark. For over 40 years, children have met Santa himself, played by Raymond Joseph "Jim" Yelling.

Besides taking up the role of Santa Claus at the Santa Claus Post Office in the early 1930s, Yelling also embarked on a project that now involves much of the community of the Santa Claus, Ind., area. He noticed that the incoming letters were being stored away because there were too many for the postmaster of the day to answer and took pan in hand, along with his wife, to make sure children who cared enough about Santa Claus were answered.

Spirit Stays After Holiday

The Christmas spirit keeps burning long after the festive candles are snuffed out. All year long we can continue to care and share.

We can share our fun and laughter, we can share our happiness and joy, we can share our love and our affections, we can share our strength and our vitality. To those whose lives lack all or some of these elements, there are no greater gifts to give.

We can share a helping hand, a sense of beauty, a gift of song, a kindred phrase. All of these should be part of every man's living experience, and where they are absent we must make them present. Each one in a special way can give of talent and ability, even when these appear to be of a humble sort. It is not the size of the gift that counts, it is the willingness of the giver. We must share with others not just in proportion to what we have, but rather in proportion to the other's need.

Home Gifts

Christmas gifts that fill a need in the home have various advantages — you don't have to know the size and they are likely to outlast all others as reminders of the giver. Also, most people want and need something for the house.

HAVE A HEALTHY MERRY CHRISTMAS

We're prescribing daily doses of holiday cheer accompanied by our thanks and good wishes.

MAC'S DRUG STORE

GREETINGS

As the harmony of beautiful Christmas music fills your heart and home we send resounding thanks to you all.

RUTTER'S GRAYLING WINDOW & DOOR CO.

Bill, Ruth, Bill & Ron

Merry Christmas

May your Christmas be adorned with the special joys and holiday treasures this happy season brings. Sincere thanks to our many friends.

JANSEN'S PLUMBING

Jolly good greetings for a hearty, happy holiday from Santa, his fleetfooted team and us. We thank all our good friends and hope they will enjoy a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

ROCHETTE'S PARTY STORE

Wishing you
LOVE
HAPPINESS
PEACE
and JOY
throughout
the holiday
season.

Thanks to our many friends!

ESSENCE OF BEAUTY

Wishing you
HEALTH
FRIENDSHIP
PROSPERITY
and JOY
AT CHRISTMAS

DAWSON'S

Merry Christmas

Bringing a pack full of warm wishes for a jolly Christmas to all the fine folk we count as friends. It's a pleasure to know you...thanks.

HARD TIMES SALOON & LARRY & JOAN'S PLACE

M-72 at Wakeley Bridge Road



Original Ideas Make A Gift of Cash Special

If you're really up a tree (no pun intended) about what to give someone, a gift of money is really not crass when it's given with a little thought. What with prices skyrocketing every day it will probably be a better choice than you imagined.

Given in one of these ways it surely won't seem cold or impersonal:

- * Enclose cash or check with a menu from an interesting and unusual restaurant.
- * On a large sheet of colored paper trace the shape of a Christmas tree and cover it with dollar bills held on with invisible stick tape.
- * Put a check or money into a box of cracker jacks or small "money bag". (Available in a local bank or easy to stitch up).
- * Enclose your gift in a symbolic container—in a tiny sewing kit for someone who makes her own clothes—in a toy watering can from the 5¢ and 10¢ store for the gardening enthusiast—in an inexpensive money clip for anyone.
- * A gift certificate will leave the choice to the happy recipient who can use it to advantage after Christmas sales.
- * For commuters or city workers try a book of tickets attached to a train schedule or a bag of tokens.
- * A Savings Bond is a good choice because its value increases over the years, and your bank will put it in a colorful, seasonal gift envelope.

NO CHRISTMAS

Because its inhabitants are Buddhists and Mohammedans, Christmas Day is never celebrated on Christmas Island, located in the Indian Ocean! And no Christmas festivities are held in Santa Claus's hometown of Myrna, Turkey. The birthplace of St. Nicholas is a Mohammedan community.

Tips to Make Yule Brighter

The Christmas card made from a photograph of children or family group is highly popular as a means of bringing a sense of togetherness to relatives and friends when geographical separation makes the real thing impossible.

The best time for such pictures, naturally, is when presents are being opened and the family group is together, sharing and showing their joy in Christmas surprises.

A good second opportunity may be found when the family is gathered at the table for Christmas dinner. Other possibilities include "stockings hung by the chimney with care" and children playing indoors or out, with new gifts.

Whatever subject you choose, better do it today—tomorrow may be too late to capture the best "shots" to share with others.

In most cases, Christmas cards become waste paper. Before you consign this year's cards to the trash can, consider removing personal messages from them and turning them over to a church or other group whose members devote their time to creating attractive scrap-books with the cards.

Many beautiful and colorful cards, carefully selected and arranged in these inexpensive and easy-to-make scrap-books, provide hours of enjoyment to older people and others whose activity is curtailed for one reason or another.

You might enjoy making a scrap-book for yourself. Whatever the case, the second life given these Christmas and greeting cards can be rewarding and useful.

Christmas novelties, glass ornaments and tinsel decorations, from America and abroad, will enjoy great popularity during the 1974 Yuletide season.

People are celebrating with more non-electrical decorations, such as ornaments made from household items, glass decor which reflects the usual home lighting, and candles, homemade or bought.

The trend represents a return to home living, a more provincial way of life. This resurgence of a country-type lifestyle and family togetherness becomes most obvious during the holidays.

Christmas Trees For Ecology ...

Many people believe that the cutting of trees for Christmas "robs" nature and destroys a portion of our forests each year, but the truth is that nearly three-quarters of such trees are raised specifically to be cut at Christmastime. Most of the remainder are "thinings"—young trees cut in forests to improve the growth opportunities for other trees.

Forestry experts and nurserymen point out that young, growing trees give off more oxygen and absorb more carbon dioxide than mature ones, so that the cultivation of Christmas trees actually helps the ecology. In contrast, they say, the manufacture of artificial trees uses up valuable energy and natural resources, which are not recoverable.

After Christmas, discarded trees can be used in various ways to benefit the environment. Even if you live in a city, ecologists suggest, you can help by getting in touch with a local conservation organization or commercial nursery.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

HAPPY NEW YEAR

J & R FLORIST

JIM, RITA & JAN

To our many

valued friends

and

Customers

a

Blessed Christmas

and a

Happy and Healthy New Year.

Jim and Marie Wiltse



The magical moment of Christmas is here again with its happy fantasies and dreams come true! May its wondrous spell weave an enchanted holiday around you and your family, and our thanks add to its bright pleasures.

**GRAYLING YOUTH BOOSTER CLUB
BOARD MEMBERS & OFFICERS**

Christmastime

Thinking of you

and hoping

your holidays

will be filled to

the brim with

bright Christmas

treasures!

Thanks.

HUBBARD'S BARBER SHOP

Happy Holiday



We wish you sweet dreams as we celebrate the magic of Christmas. As its wonder touches young and old, we send warm greetings and thanks to all.

**CHIEF
SHOPPENAGONS
MOTOR HOTEL**